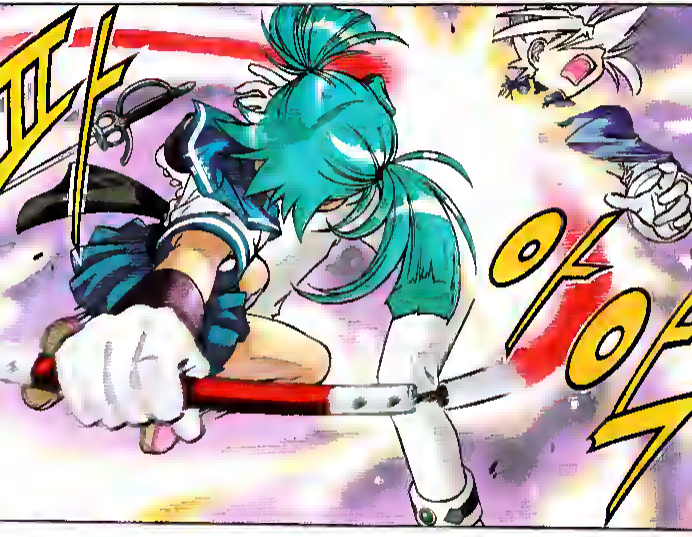


HE DID IT! HYUN MIN WOO!!
YOU WIN!
THE 7TH MEGATECH BOWL CHAMPION!

Video games are
Hyun Min Woo's specialty.

FAILED AGAIN...! AND I MADE THE CONFESSION AFTER I SQUEEZED OUT EVERY LAST DROP OF COURAGE I HAD...

DO I HAVE TO LIVE MY LIFE WITHOUT EVER HAVING A SINGLE GIRLFRIEND?!?

Girls, unfortunately, are not.

But things are about to change...

Eternal-Blue &
Korean Manga Translations
present:

METAL HEART
→Start New Game
Continue Game
System
Exit

Coming soon to a channel near you!

JOINT PROJECT
Elephappy
Elephappy
Psy
me

2004. 10. 15 초판인쇄
9 788952 961785 07810
ISBN 89-529-6178-1
ISBN 89-529-6179-X (세트)

As the national champion of the fighting game "Metal Heart" Hyun Min Woo is invited to the Developer MegaTech's headquarters. There, he finds good luck in being the first tester of the long awaited sequel, "Metal Heart 2", but the test is interrupted by a mysterious accident... And at that moment, an 18 year old otaku boy's life is confronted by an happy torture(?)....!

CHANCE COMICS
METAL 메탈하트 HEART 1
윤재호

CHANCE COMICS

메탈하트 2

Vol. 1

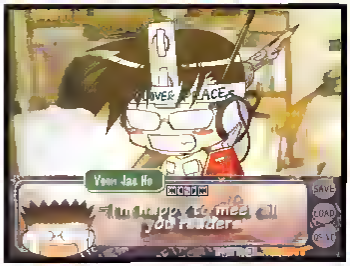
윤재호

CHANCE COMICS

메탈하트

Vol. 1

윤재호



As I was playing a game with an assistant... One of the ideas that popped into my head momentarilybecame a book. This is my 3rd volume ! but my heart is still racing before its publication. I would like to thank my studio family who patiently worked even in difficult environments (Nightmarishly hot weather...T_T) and the editor and team leaderand everyone else at Chance, Anti and Astraea, who helped me in a multitude of ways, Sung Wook and Jung Woon Ok Sunsengnim, and you readers, who're always rooting for me.
Please support Metal Heart~!!

Yoon Jae Ho

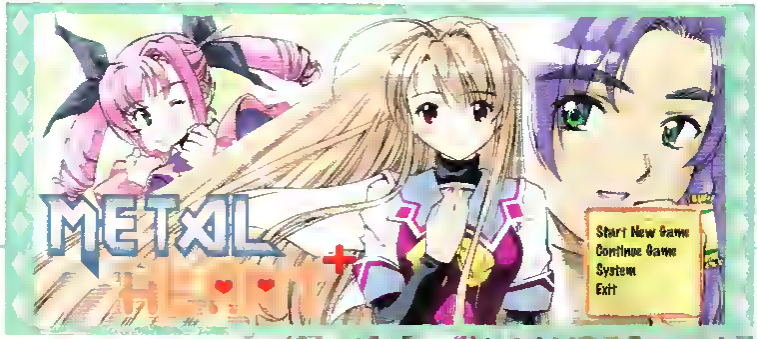
http://cafe.naver.com/metalhome.cafe

메탈하트

METAL HEART

Vol 1

윤재호



CONTENTS

Episode 1. Test Failure? 3

Episode 2. Her name is... Minsia 43

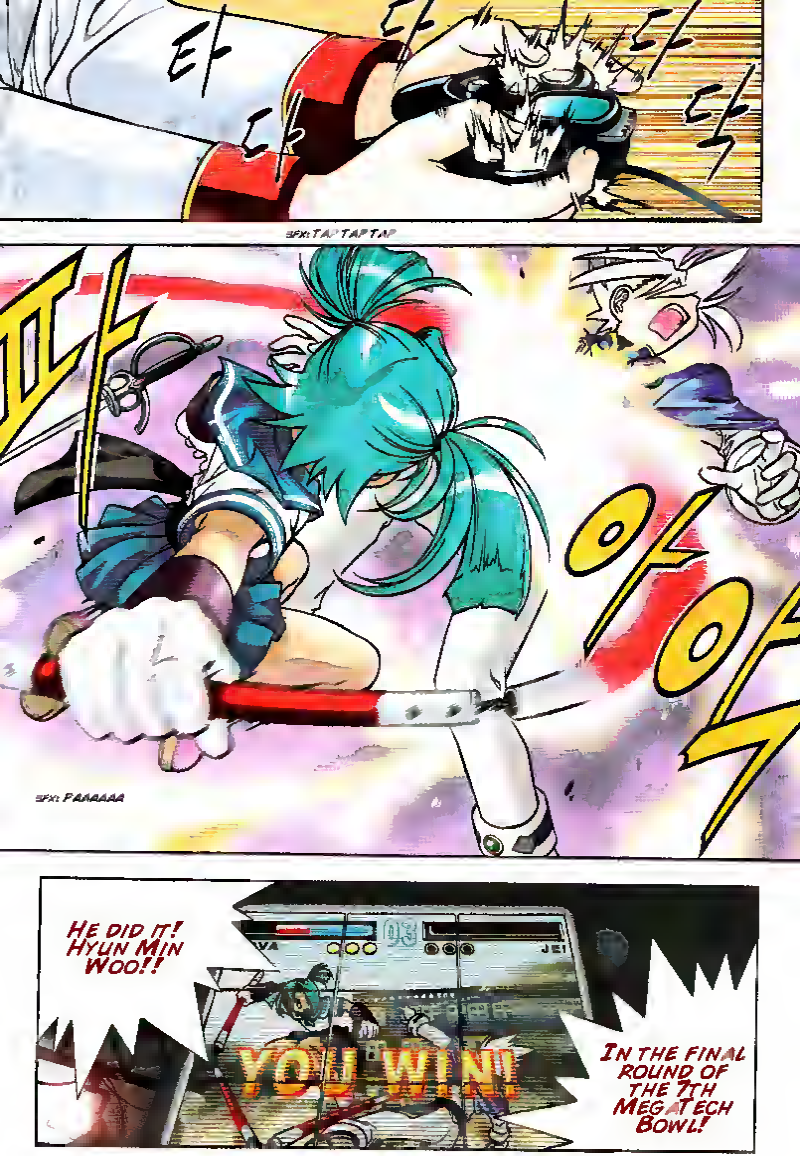
Episode 3. Don't Be Surprised! 77

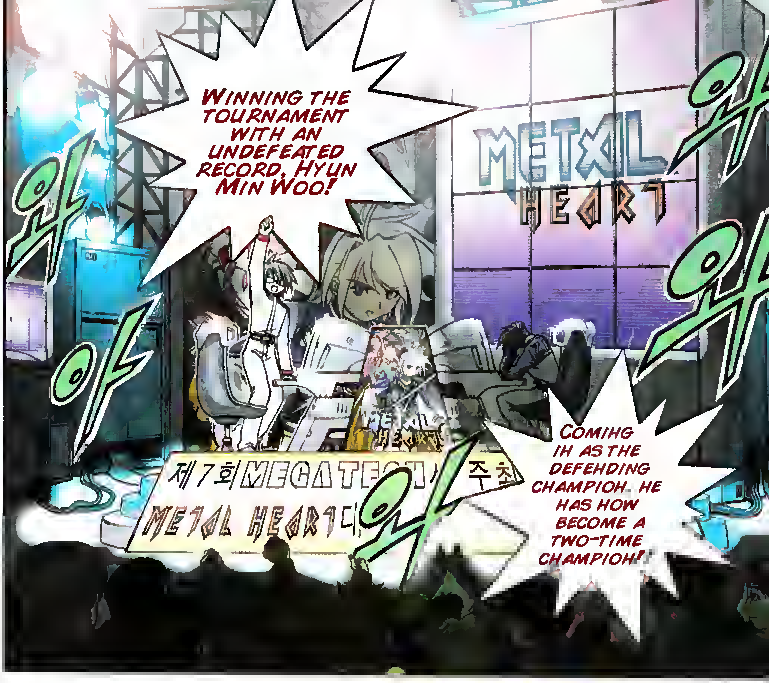
Episode 4. Min woo come's to a decision? 103

Episode 5. Game Start! 127

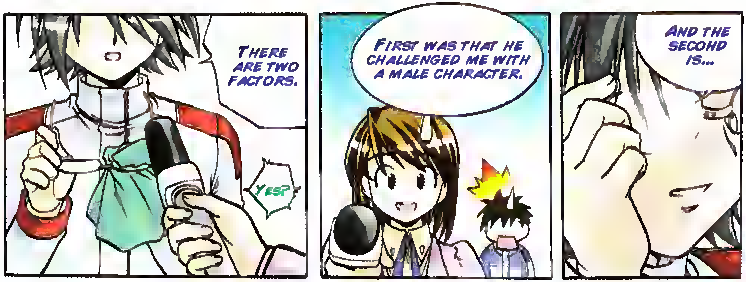
Episode 6. Min woo, Let's go to school! 151

TAAAA
HIYAAAA!!


SFX: TAP TAP TAP
SFX: PAAAAAA
HE DID IT! HYUN MIN WOO!!
YOU WIN!
IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE 7TH MEGATECH BOWL!


Winning the tournament with an undefeated record, Hyun Min Woo!
METAL HEART
Coming in as the defending champion, he has now become a two-time champion!
제7회 MEGA TECH 주최
METAL HEART 대회

Your opponent in the final round had a longer playing experience than you, and you were expected to have a difficult match.
But what do you think was the main factor in your overwhelming victory?


There are two factors.
Yes?
First was that he challenged me with a male character.
And the second is...

THE DIFFERENT AMOUNT OF "AFFECTION" WE POURED INTO OUR CHARACTERS!
IN OTHER WORDS, THE SOUL!!
Y-BOX

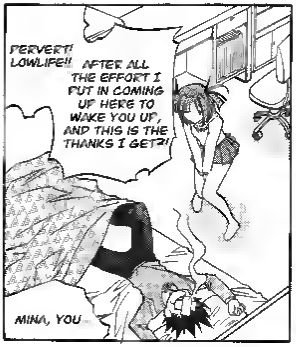
METAL HEART
진제 마왕과
서울게임쇼 성황리개최
연장급파 "밀착취재!
대전격투게임의 진수 "출연"
최강인기게임 메탈하트
2편 제작결정!
부활한 플러스 체험판
Episode 1. Test Failure?

UNFORTU-
NATELY,
I DESPISE
OTAKUS
LIKE YOU
SINCE IT MIGHT
BE CONTAGIOUS,
COULD YOU PLEASE
DO ME A FAVOR
AND GET LOST?
FAILED AGAIN... AND I
MADE THE CONFESSION
AFTER I SQUEEZED OUT
EVERY LAST DROP OF
COURAGE I HAD...
DO I HAVE TO LIVE MY LIFE
WITHOUT EVER HAVING A
SWEET GIRLFRIEND?
THAT'S
NOT TRUE
MIN WOO
IF IT'S OK WITH
YOU, CAN I BE
YOUR LOVER?

!
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T LIKE ME?
WAIT...WAIT A MINUTE. EVEN IF I'M DESPERATE, I'M STILL...
I CAN ACCEPT EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU ♥
PLUS, I'M READY TO DO ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING FOR YOU, TOO ♥
NOW, THEN---
ACCEPT ME!!
ヒヒヒヒヒ

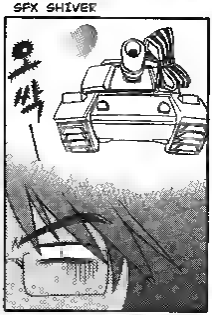
ARRGGHH!!
UUHHH!!

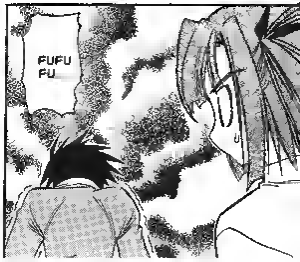
SFX WHAMMCK
KYAAAAH!!



YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH ALL THESE CREEPY THINGS
THAT'S WHY YOU KEEP HAVING THOSE STRANGE DREAMS
JUST WHAT KIND OF FRIENDS DID YOU MAKE AT THAT BOARDING HOUSE THAT TURNED YOU INTO SUCH AN OTAKU?

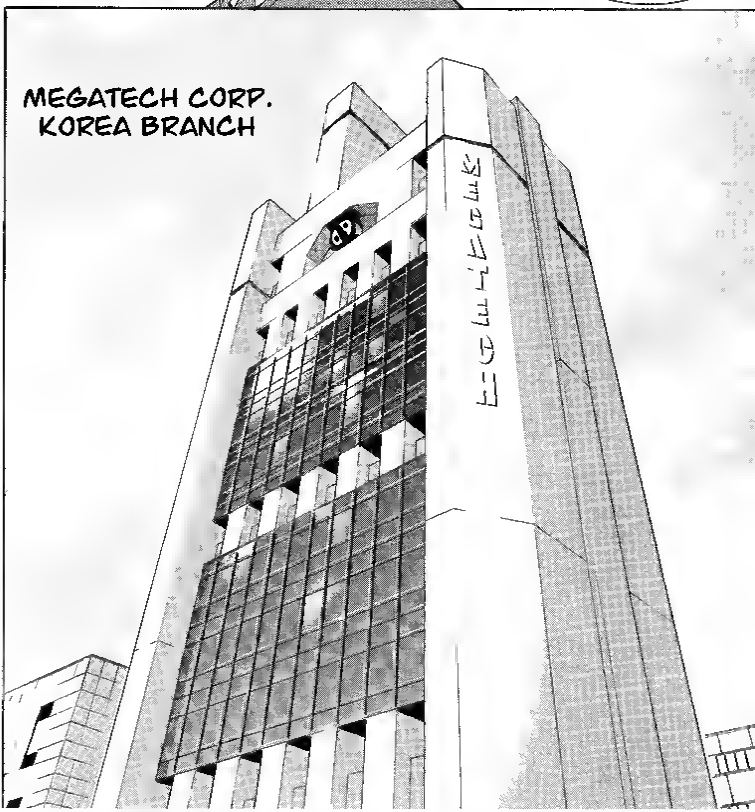
NOTE: A FEMALE TERM USED FOR OLDER BROTHER OR A GUY WHO IS OLDER





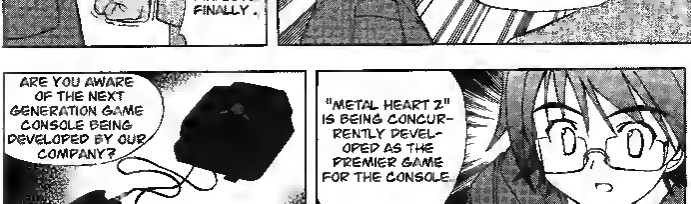
Alright!
I'm not a pervert after all!!
This morning was simply a horrible yet meaningless nightmare!!
NO! YOU'RE STILL A PERVERT!
SFX WHAMMMACK
IF YOU KEEP ACTING THIS WAY, I'M GONNA TELL MOM TO CLEAN EVERYTHING OUT OF THIS ROOM!
OK?!
AND WHAT'S THIS? COLLECTING A BUNCH DOLLS OF GIRLS!
A ROOM WITH POSTERS OF FEMALE CELEBRITIES WOULD BE BETTER THAN THIS, AT LEAST!
Isn't this lifestyle the reason why you can't get a proper girlfriend in real life?
SFX STING
THAT, THAT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT? SOMETHING LIKE THAT
ANYWAYS, THERE'S A GUEST WAITING FOR YOU DOWNSTAIRS

SAID HE WAS FROM "MEGATECH"...
AND SAID SOMETHING ABOUT WANTING TO INVITE YOU OVER TO THEIR COMPANY...


MEGATECH CORP.
KOREA BRANCH

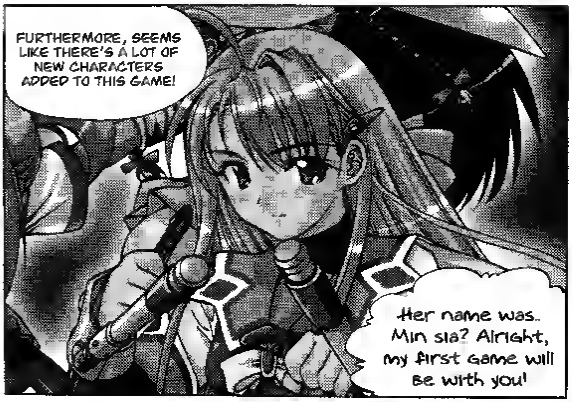
SFX: THUMMMMP
THIS...
THIS IS...

HOW LONG HAVE I WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT ...!
FINALLY. FINALLY.
IT'S COMING OUT? THIS?! FOR REAL?!
THAT'S RIGHT, HYUN MIN WOO-KUN.


ARE YOU AWARE OF THE NEXT GENERATION GAME CONSOLE BEING DEVELOPED BY OUR COMPANY?
YES, OF COURSE
"METAL HEART 2" IS BEING CONCURRENTLY DEVELOPED AS THE PREMIER GAME FOR THE CONSOLE.

SUPERIOR GAME PLAY! SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED STAGES AND NUMBER OF CHARACTERS, AND EACH HAVING A NEW SET OF ULTIMATE ATTACKS!
THE MOST ANTICIPATED NEW PRODUCT THAT'LL ENABLE MEGATECH CORPORATION TO CONQUER THE INDUSTRY! THE LONG AWAITED "METAL HEART 2"!!

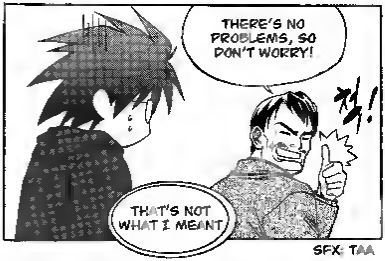
HYUN MIN WOO-KUN, WE WATCHED YOUR MATCH INTERESTING
BUT WHAT MADE US FOCUS ESPECIALLY ON YOU WAS
ASIDE FROM THE SKILLS YOU SHOWED IN THE TOURNAMENT, YOUR AFFECTION FO THIS GAME, IN OTHERS WORDS, THE "SOUL"!!
THAT'S WHY WE WOULD LIKE TO USE YOUR PLAYING DATA AS A REFERENCE DURING THE PRODUCTION OF THE GAME. WOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN TESTING THIS GAME FOR US?
SIR?! THAT'S...!!
IF YOU AGREE, THEN IN ADDITION TO YOUR FIDUCIARY COMPENSATION, I WAS ALSO CONSIDERING ISSUING YOU THE YET UNREVEALED CHARACTER PRODUCTS
I WILL DO IT!!
FANNER CONGRATULATIONS FIRST PLACE
THIS THIS IS NOT A DREAM, RIGHT?
TO THINK THAT I'D BE THE LUCKY PERSON TO BE THE FIRST GAMER TO PLAY "METAL HEART 2"
FIRST

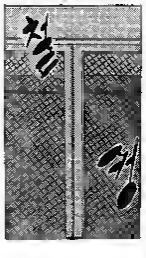

FURTHERMORE, SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF NEW CHARACTERS ADDED TO THIS GAME!
Her name was.. Min sia? Alright, my first game will be with you!

BUT

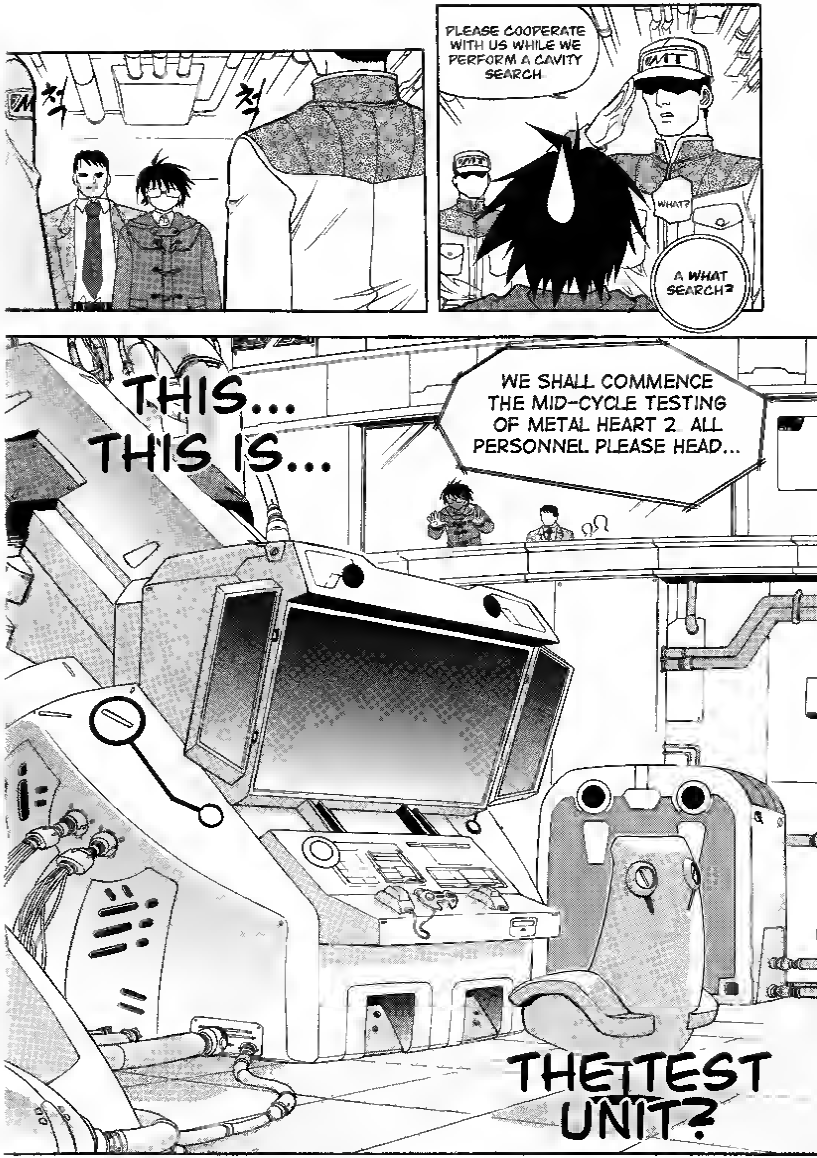
IS THERE REALLY A GAME DEVELOPMENT TEAM WORKING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

SFX: CLANK


THERE'S NO PROBLEMS, SO DON'T WORRY!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
SFX: TAA


SFX: WHIIIIIIR

스르—
HAHA! I'M SORRY, BUT THIS IS A TOP SECRET PROJECT FOR OUR COMPANY. I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.
!
EA-1


척
척
PLEASE COOPERATE WITH US WHILE WE PERFORM A CAVITY SEARCH
WHAT?
A WHAT SEARCH?
THIS... THIS IS...
WE SHALL COMMENCE THE MID-CYCLE TESTING OF METAL HEART 2. ALL PERSONNEL PLEASE HEAD...
THE TEST UNIT?

HYUN MIN WOO-KUN, DID YOU UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS?
YES... YES SIR!
WELL THEN, PLEASE INSERT THE TEST DVD THAT WAS DELIVERED TO YOU AND START AT THE SIGNAL.
SFX CLACK
SFX: WHIIIIIIIIIR
20

エト
OF
OF
OK

AMAZING!
SO THIS IS THE OPENING SEQUENCE TO "METAL HEART 2"?
IT'S A RADICAL DEPARTURE IN ATMOSPHERE FROM THE LAST GAME!
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF NEW MODES ADDED!

METAL HEART

SFX. RAGGLE RAGGLE
DON'T YOU THINK THE OPENING'S A LITTLE STRANGE, SOMEHOW?
응성 응성
DOESN'T REALLY LOOK LIKE AN OPENING SEQUENCE FOR A FIGHTING GAME...

SFX. BEEP BEEEEP
삐빗

EHH? WHAT? INPUT THE PLAYER'S NAME?
Please input the player's name
name
OK
CANCEL
WAS THERE SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN THE FIRST GAME?
EIXIL
Start Game
Continue ga

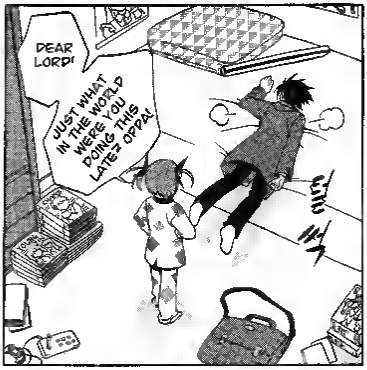
SFX: TTADADADADA
THERE HAS BEEN A SERIOUS MIX-UP IN THE DELIVERY OF THE GAME!
?
PLEASE HALT THE GAME IMMEDIATELY!
SFX: SLAM
name
Hyun
ok
cancel
WHAT THE HELL?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THE GAME'S SWITCHED!!
THEN WHAT THE HELL IS THAT THING PLAYING UP THERE IF IT'S NOT "METAL HEART 2"?! HUH?!!
name
HYUN MIN WOO
Ok
Cancel

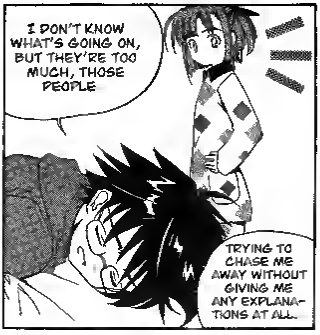
SFX: FLAAAASH
!!
WHAT, WHAT'S THAT?!
WE'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE, SIR! SOMETHING IS FORCIBLY INVADING INTO OUR MAIN-FRAME!!
SFX: FZZZT
ACK!
?!

HYUN MIN WOO-KUN THE TEST IS HALTED!!
BUT...BUT IT'S NOT WORK-ING..!
!
CALM...
EA...MINSIA?!
CALM DOWN AND INITIATE COUNTERMEA-SURES!!
WHAT... WHAT THE HELL?!
DATA TRANSMISSION COMPLETE
100%
TRANSMISSION!! WHAT DID IT TRANSMIT? TO WHERE?!
CAUTION
ICE
ICE

4
97
97
86
LADDICER

SFX: FLOP

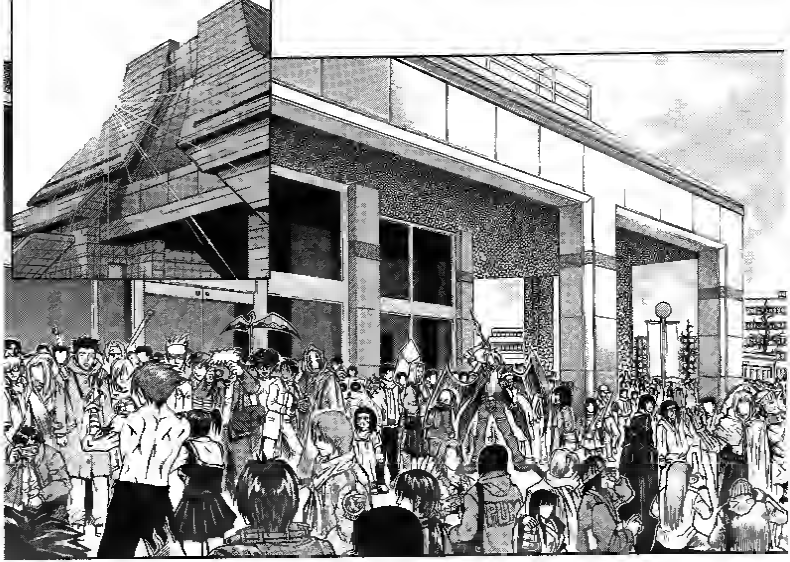

DEAR LORD!
JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE YOU DOING THIS LATE? OPPA!


I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT THEY'RE TOO MUCH, THOSE PEOPLE
TRYING TO CHASE ME AWAY WITHOUT GIVING ME ANY EXPLANATIONS AT ALL.

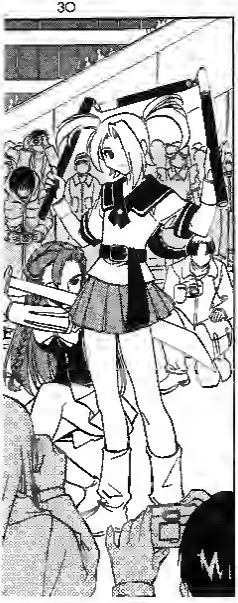
BUT !
THERE WAS A DEFINITE BENEFIT! LOOK
MAGIC HEIST
ODDA OBTAINED THIS TAPESTRY AS A REWARD FOR TODAY'S HARD WORK! THIS WILL BE A FAMILY HEIR-LOOM, POSTED IN THE LIVING ROOM...!!
SFX: FLASH

* TAPESTRY: A WALL HANGING OR A SILK CLOTH, EMBROIDERED WITH MULTI-COLORED THREAD, A POSTER TO BE HANGED ON WALL.

AHHH- IS THAT YOU? AH, I JUST GOT BACK!
EVENT PREPARATION
WHAT, PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING COSPLAY? IT'S THAT DATE ALREADY? OUT OF PANEL

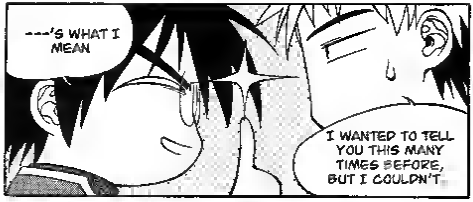


BANNER: COSPLAY FESTIVAL

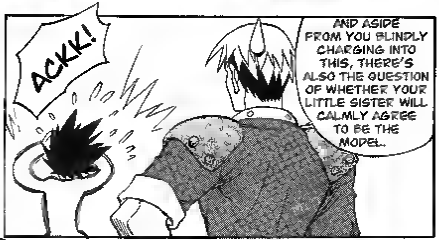


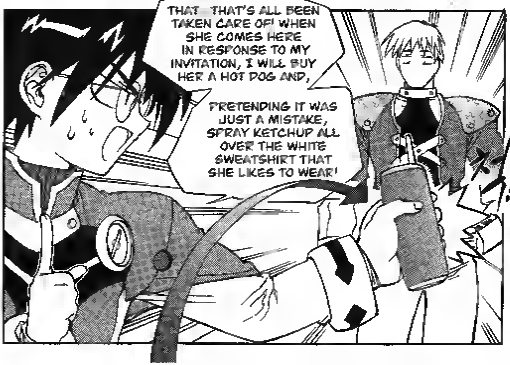
THERE'S A LOT MORE METAL HEART COSPLAY NOW, WITH THE NEWS OF THE SEQUEL
NO WORRIES IF WE COMPETE WITH THE SAME THEME,
THEN THE ONES WHO'D GET NOTICED WILL BE OUR TEAM!

NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE MIGHT SAY, THESE COSTUMES ARE BASED ON "METAL HEART 2" DATA THAT WAS OBTAINED STRAIGHT FROM THE COMPANY!
WE SHALL BE DISPLAYING THE NEWLY ADDED CHARACTERS FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, HENCE ATTRACTING ALL THE ATTENTION!


---'S WHAT I MEAN
I WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS MANY TIMES BEFORE, BUT I COULDN'T

BUT DID YOU EVER STOP TO CONSIDER HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD RECOGNIZE THE NEW CHARACTERS IF THEY HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED YET?

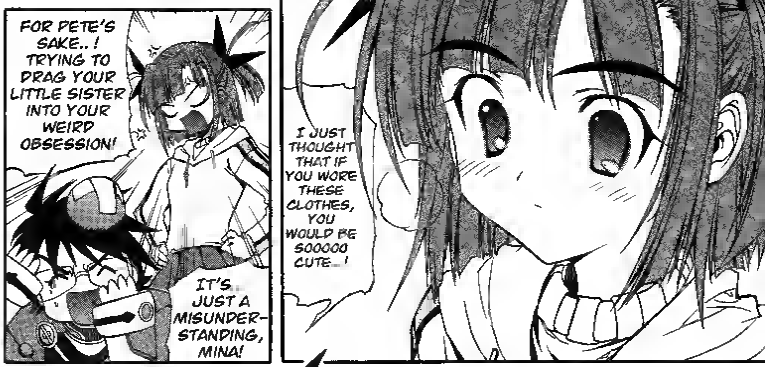

ACKK!
AND ASIDE FROM YOU BLINDLY CHARGING INTO THIS, THERE'S ALSO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER YOUR LITTLE SISTER WILL CALMLY AGREE TO BE THE MODEL.


THAT... THAT'S ALL BEEN TAKEN CARE OF! WHEN SHE COMES HERE IN RESPONSE TO MY INVITATION, I WILL BUY HER A HOT DOG AND,
PRETENDING IT WAS JUST A MISTAKE, SPRAY KETCHUP ALL OVER THE WHITE SWEATSHIRT THAT SHE LIKES TO WEAR!

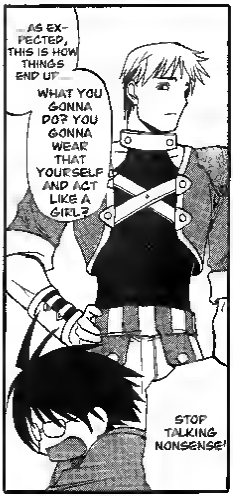
THEN WE OFFER THE COSTUME AS A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!

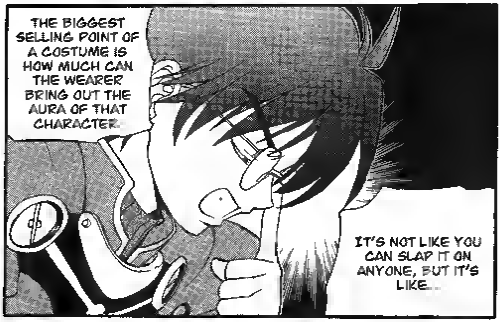
THEN FOR ALL DAY TODAY, SHE WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY IN CHARACTER AS THE "METAL HEART Z"'S HEROINE!
HOW IS IT? MY SCHEME!!
OHHH

I COME ALL THE WAY HERE BECAUSE YOU WERE CRYING THAT YOU FORGOT SOMETHING...
BUT IT WAS JUST ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR PATHETIC LITTLE SCHEMES-?!
SFX. POWWWW
ARRGH!!


FOR PETE'S SAKE..! TRYING TO DRAG YOUR LITTLE SISTER INTO YOUR WEIRD OBSESSION!
IT'S JUST A MISUNDER-STANDING, MINA!
I JUST THOUGHT THAT IF YOU WORE THESE CLOTHES, YOU WOULD BE SOOOOO CUTE...!

I---!
I HATE YOU, ODDA!!


...AS EXPECTED, THIS IS HOW THINGS END UP...
WHAT YOU GONNA DO? YOU GONNA WEAR THAT YOURSELF AND ACT LIKE A GIRL?
STOP TALKING NONSENSE!

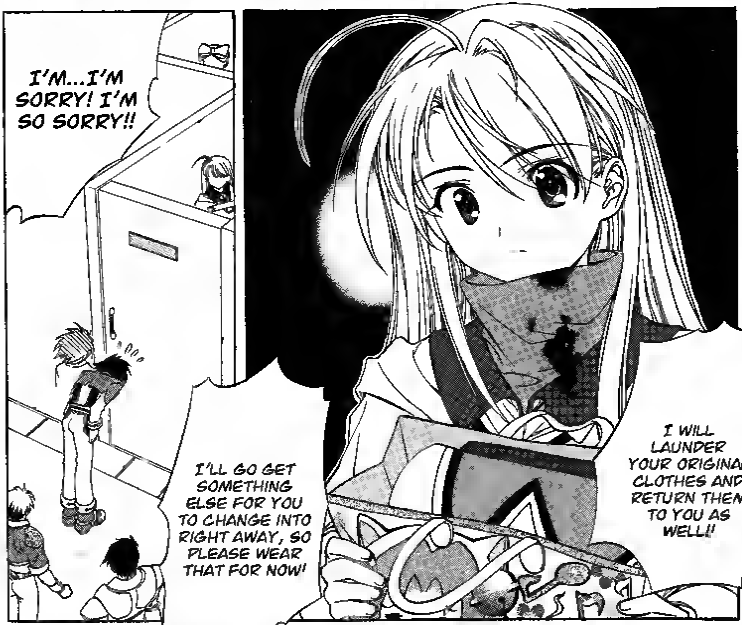

THE BIGGEST SELLING POINT OF A COSTUME IS HOW MUCH CAN THE WEARER BRING OUT THE AURA OF THAT CHARACTER...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN SLAP IT ON ANYONE, BUT IT'S LIKE...

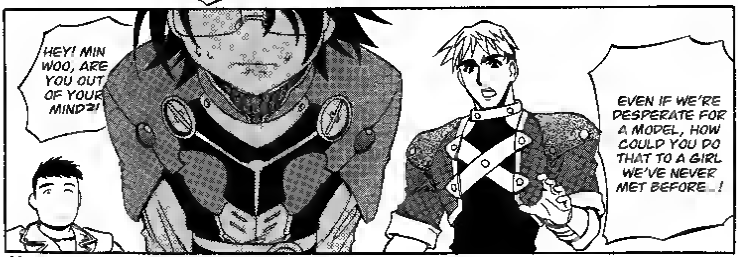
IF IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE IT HAD JUST LEAPED OUT FROM THE ORIGINAL WORKS...

THAT...FACE IS...?!!
WAIT
MIN WOO!
SFX TAAA
탓
WAIT A MINUTE!
SFX TRIP
탓
EH?
!!

SFX: SLAMMMM
SFX: UWOOOOOO

SIGN. CHANGING ROOM
SFX: CLICK


I'M...I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!!
I'LL GO GET SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOU TO CHANGE INTO RIGHT AWAY, SO PLEASE WEAR THAT FOR NOW!
I WILL LAUNDER YOUR ORIGINAL CLOTHES AND RETURN THEM TO YOU AS WELL!!


HEY! MIN WOO, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
EVEN IF WE'RE DESPERATE FOR A MODEL, HOW COULD YOU DO THAT TO A GIRL WE'VE NEVER MET BEFORE...!

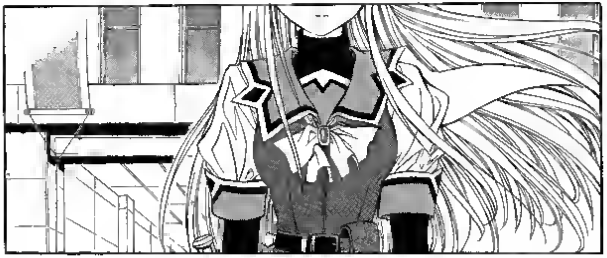
……。
バリッ
EA
WT

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
THE STAGE EVENT SHALL COMMENCE MOMENTARILY, SO ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS, PLEASE GATHER AT THE BACK STAGE AREA IMMEDIATELY
WAIT! LOOK, OVER THERE
WHOA--! SHE'S TOTALLY MY TYPE--
!!
또각

A... AMAZING!!
HER IMAGE IS WONDER-FUL...!!
AND HER FIGURE AND THOSE PROPS... ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!!

DAD, IT'S ME! AS EXPECTED, MINSIA APPEARED IN FRONT OF HIM.
REALLY? THERE'S NO MISTAKE?!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT THEY'RE IDENTICAL TO THE DATA THAT YOU'VE SHOWN ME.
HYUN MIN WOO...HUH.
2
I'M SORRY NURI. TO HAVE YOU DO THIS FOR ME... PLEASE FORGIVE ME
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST MAKE SURE I GET SUFFICIENT BACKUP, DAD
NOW-- THEN,
SHALL I GO MEET HIM?
THE 'GUY WHO'D BECOME MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND'...!

JOINT PROJECT
Staphappy
Staphappy
Matt84
Jenni



THAT GIRL IS BEAUTIFUL
REALLY! WHO IS SHE?

I WONDER WHERE THAT CHARACTER IS FROM?

Episode 2. HER NAME IS...MINSIA

I especially like this character...
Alright, I will use you on my first game!
How can she fit so well to the image?
Her existence doesn't feel like a simple cosply. It's almost like...

SHE'S DA BOMB.
SHE FEELS EVEN MORE RIGHT THAN YOUR SISTER.
YOU AND YOU WERE SO OPPOSED TO IT IN THE BEGINNING
AND LOOK. BECAUSE OF THE LENGTH OF HER LEGS, HER SKIRT GOT EVEN SHORTER AND
시크
리오

STRAIGHT-- (MEANING UNCLEAR)!

Within seconds...!!
CAN WE TAKE SOME PICTURES?!
IS IT A GAME? AN ANIME? WHAT'S THE TITLE?!
WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE CHARACTER?!
She's been surrounded by maniac Fanboys!!!
IT EVOKES BIT OF A SIMPLER EMOTION,
BUT THE UNION OF A SCHOOL UNIFORM AND WEAPONS...JUST MY TYPE!
I'M GONNA PUT YOU UP ON MY HOMEPAGE. PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME
POSE PLEASE! A POSE!

SFX STING

THIS MIGHT CAUSE US A BIT OF A TROUBLE
SHE WAS HALF FORCED INTO WEARING THAT BECAUSE OF YOU, AND IF SOMEONE TAKES PICTURES OF HER IN THAT COSTUME HOW WOULD SHE FEEL?
EE EEH!
MIN WOO?

...be harmed. If she didn't come here by choice, then this situation might be troublesome for her!
But still, if she can continue to collect people's attention like she is right now, then all my hard work for a week will result in a fruitful completion!
SFX THUMP THUMP THUMP
SFX BANG
SFX THUMP THUMP THUMP
You know! Just because that you're going to jab a girl who you don't even know the name of in serious normal panel?!
And plus, you never knew this might be the first time for her in a place like this?
SFX POWWWW
Did you forget about your goal of being the first one ever to recreate a new character from "Metal Gears 2"!
Remember what your priorities are!!

Yeah...yeah!
I will become
A demon!
SO COOL, MIN WOO!

SFX: CHAACK
YOU SHITLESS BASTARD!!
I'LL DISTRACT EVE...WHEN HE'S ATTENTION FROM HER, SO YOU TAKE HER AND GET OUT OF HERE!
EH!?

KWAAAA~!!
01
!!
WHAT...WHAT IS THAT? A DOLL?
IS...IS THIS A COSPLAY TOO?!
철컥

SFX: RAAA

SFX POW POW POW POW POW
SFX BEEP BEEP BEEP
CAN'T YOU GET YOUR ASS IN GEAR AND TAKE HER AWAY!!
WAIT A MINUTE! WHO ARE YOU?!
IF YOU MAKE A PUCKLIS IN THE FESTIVAL AREA, YOU'LL BE EXPELLED IMMEDIATELY!
SFX SQUEAK
SFX OUUUUU
OW OW OW OW OW!!
SFX PLOP
SFX ROLL

SFX: PSSSSSHHHHHHHH

SFX: ZOOOOOM

WHEW--
SO I DID GET OUT OF THERE, WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT...
BUT WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS THAT? AND THAT STRANGE DOLL COSTUME ?
Furthermore, knew my name. And the voice was clearly that of a girl's...?
And her tone sounded like she knew me very well...?
AAAAAAAAACCCCKKKKK!!
SFX: PAM PAM PAM PAM PAM PAMMM

That... that's right! Without thinking
LOSER WHO NEVER HELD ANOTHER GIRL'S HAND, EXCEPT HER SISTER'S
Is... is she mad? What am I gonna do if she's mad?
I'M... I'M SORRY GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THIS MESS, BECAUSE OF ME
IT'S STRANGE
EH?
57
WHEN I'M WEARING THIS CLOTHES, WHY?...
STAB
ARE SO MANY PEOPLE GATHERING AROUND ME?
THERE...THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT IT! IT GOES REALLY WELL WITH YOU--!!
OF, OF COURSE, IT'S MIGHT BE A BIT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER CLOTHES BUT EVERYONE IS SURPRISED BECAUSE YOU GO ALONG SO WELL WITH THE CHARACTER'S IMAGE, SIR--!

SIA?
A mistake--!!
I called her by the character's name without thinking!!
HPP
I DON'T REALLY KNOW, BUT...
WELL, IT'S OK.
THIS CLOTHES, DOESN'T SEEM FOREIGN TO ME AT ALL

AS IF THIS WAS MY CLOTHES...
EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING...
YOUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE.
SFX POWWW

HYUN MIN WOO, ACE 18.

THIS WAS THE MOMENT WHEN HE HAD EXPERIENCED THE GREATEST JOY IN HIS LIFE.

Many a days when I was verbally abused and despised by girls just because I happen to be an otaku

I just received a strong arrow of feeling that I might have met a girl who may understand me !!

JUST LIKE A SWORD RECOGNIZES A WARRIOR, CLOTHES RECOGNIZES THE MODEL!!
THIS SET OF CLOTHES HAD JUST MET ITS RIGHTFULL OWNER!
61
I AM SURE THAT EVEN THE COSTUME ITSELF IS VERY HAPPY
So would this be a "youth have no regrets" moment?!
ABOUT MEETING IT'S RIGHTFULL OWNER!
I CANNOT ACCEPT THAT.
I HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE YOU
AND IF I JUST RECEIVE SOMETHING FROM YOU ONE-SIDED LIKE THIS...
IT'LL BE TOO BURDENSOME...

Is that so...other arts
AH, SORRY... I'M NOT... REALLY EXPECTING ANYTHING...
BUT...
IT'S A RELIEF THAT ALL MY HARD WORK IS COMING ALL THE WAY HERE TO LOOK FOR YOU WASN'T IN VAIN
ALTHOUGH THE PLAYER SEEMS A LITTLE STRANGE, STILL YOU LOOK LIKE A NICE PERSON. SO
I CAN LEAVE MYSELF IN YOUR HANDS WITHOUT ANY WORRIES

SFX: PWOOOOOOOOOOO
METAL HEART PLUS -
E.A PROGRAM, STAND BY...
HYUN MIN WOO...
...What...?

WAIT...WHAT A MINUTE! I'D BE LOOKING FOR ME? WHY?!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE...! HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME...?!
BUT DON'T YOU ALREADY KNOW?
MY APPEARANCE, AND MY NAME...
YOU DID SAY BEFORE -- 'SIA'
THAT'S MY NAME
MINSIA
SFX: WHIII

SFX: HEAVY
ARGGHHHH~~!!!
SFX: SPLASH
I...I can't move?!
As if I'm trapped under a huge block of steel...!!
SFX: FLOP FLOP FLOP FLOP!! PPP
PLEASE HELP ME~!!
SFX: GRAB

SFX: PHAAA
PWAAA--!!
KEKK- KOFF KOFF!!!
GOOD JOB, JENNY-R!! HEY, ARE YOU OK?!
JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU THINKING? JUMPING INTO THE FOUNTAIN LIKE THAT TOGETHER, IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER NO LESS...!
Almost....
Almost died here...!!
OH MY! AREN'T YOU...
AREN'T YOU MIN WOO?
WHAT?

YOU'RE REALLY MIN WOO, HUH?
IT'S BEEN SO LONG- DO YOU REMEMBER ME? NURI!

JOINT PROJECT
Staphappy
Staphappy
Matt84
Jenni

Episode 3.
Don't Be Surprised!

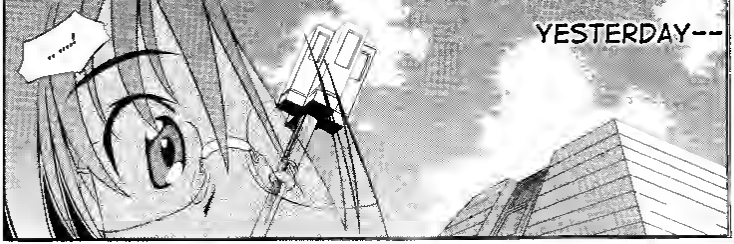
PUNISHMENT!
PUNISHMENT!
PUNISHMENT!
SFX. CLICK
WILL OFFER SWEET PUNISHMENT FOR YOU, SLEEPYHEAD.!
THE WARRIOR OF LOVE AND MAGIC, ANGEL MINT!!

HHHH?
GOSH DARN IT.../ I MIGHTVE SLEPT INTO THE AFTERNOON IF I DIDN'T SET THE ALARM.
I'M GOING TO LESSONS, TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN BREAKFAST!!
SHEESH, MINA... DIDN'T EVEN WAKE ME UP. STILL MIFFED AT ME, I GUESS...
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT SEEMS LIKE
SOMETHING UNBELIEVABLE HAPPENED YESTERDAY
SFX: CHAAAAH
MORNING, MIN WOO!

JUST WOKE UP?
!!
MR. SLEEPYHEAD OTAKU
SFX: SLAMMMM
ARGGGGHHHHHHHH
SFX: STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
HYUN MIN WOO

SFX: WOOOOSH
REFRIGERATOR, KITCHEN, CABINETS, AND APPLIANCES SETTING COMPLETE---!!
WHERE SHOULD I PUT THIS ULTRA BIG SCREEN TV?!
YOU MORON! DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO BRING SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY?!
HEEEEH... YOU RUSHED DOWN HERE TO HELP ME MOVE IN? APPRECIATE IT.
UHHH... UHHH UHHH...

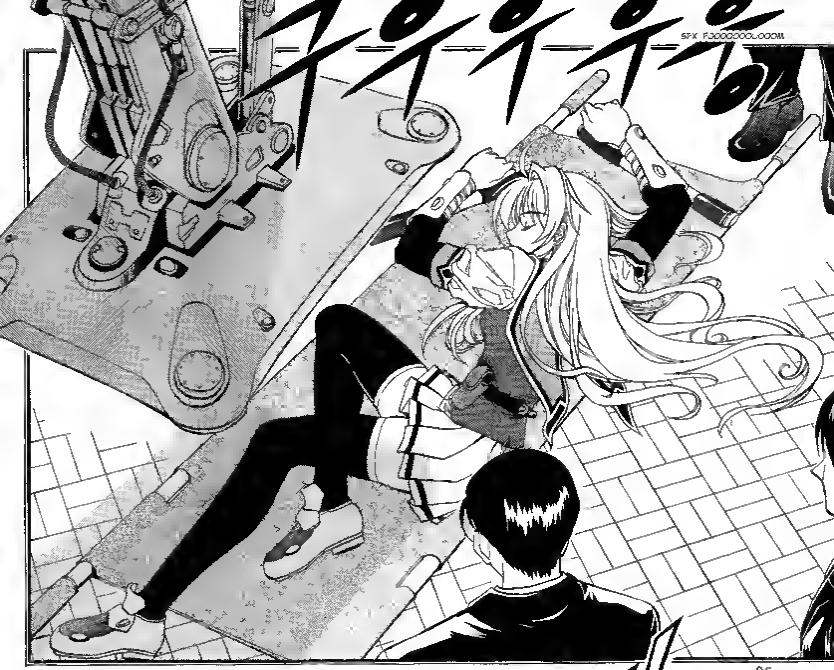
WHY ARE YOU MOVING INTO THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR?!
I TOLD YOU I'M PLAYING THE ROLE OF YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND
AND IF SO THEN BEING NEIGHBORS IS ONLY NATURAL
DON'T WORRY WE PAID THE FORMER RESIDENTS 3 TIMES THE GOING RATE FOR THEM TO SELL THIS HOUSE TO US
I'M TELLING YOU THIS AGAIN, BUT...
THAT... THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE!!
I! WAIT, NO, MEGATECH CORPORATION WILL...
USE WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY
FOR A SUCCESSFUL ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND MIN SIA.


YESTERDAY--

WAIT WAIT A MINUTE! JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT DOES THIS GIRL OR ME HAVE TO DO WITH THAT ACCIDENT?
MEGA TECH

AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SHE'S MY GIRL GIRLFRIEND?
TODAY'S THE FIRST TIME I MET HER!
IT MIGHT BE A BIT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE
BUT I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU CLOSELY OBSERVE WHAT TRANSPIRES HERE

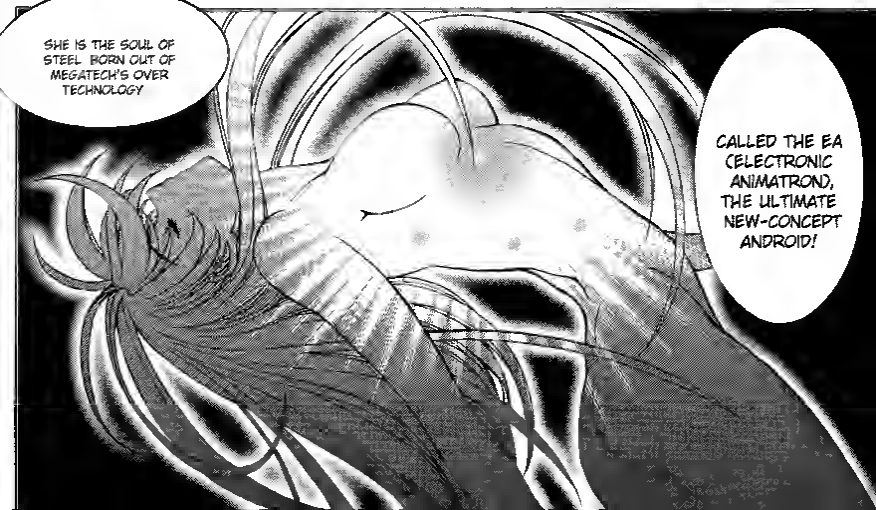
THIS METHOD MIGHT BE A BIT EXTREME
BUT IT WOULD BE QUICKER TO ACTUALLY SHOW YOU THAN TRYING TO EXPLAIN
SFX: STAGGER
ACK!
BE CAREFUL!
ENOUGH WITH THE STRETCHER.
TAKE THAT OUT FROM AMONG OUR EQUIPMENT.
SIR? THEN...!
IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT. IN HER PRESENT STATE, HER SELF-DEFENSE MECHANISMS SHOULD NOT ACTIVATE.
SFX: KWOOOOOOO
?!


SFX FJOOOOOOL..OOOM

WAIT .. WAIT A MINUTE! YOU---!!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO TO THAT GIRL?
STOP IT!!
SFX CLICK
SFX PIAAA

SFX: CLANKANK

*&?%$!#
FRANKLY SPEAKING
SFX SPIN SPIN
휙 휙
SFX CLACK
철컥
AS YOU CAN SEE, SHE'S NOT A NORMAL HUMAN BEING
SFX WOOSH


SHE IS THE SOUL OF STEEL BORN OUT OF MEGATECH'S OVER TECHNOLOGY
CALLED THE EA CELECTRONIC ANIMATROND, THE ULTIMATE NEW-CONCEPT ANDROID!

AND...
음
?
SFX: FOWWW
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!!
퍽
으윽
SINCE THAT HURTS THIS IS NOT A DREAM AFTER ALL... BUT NORMALLY, WOULDN'T THERE BE A HAND FLYING AT ME RATHER THAN A FOOT?
HUH...?

...I REMEMBERED...
EVIDENCE FROM YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT
SFX: DING
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME...?
I THOUGHT I MET THE PERFECT GIRL OF MY DREAMS HERE...
SFX: PUFF
YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGING IT AFTER ALL? MR. PERVERT
MEGATECH NOT ONLY PRODUCES GAMING CONSOLES,
BUT IT IS IN FACT A GLOBAL ENTERPRISE LEADING IN ALL FIELDS RELATED TO STATE OF THE ART ELECTRONICS...
MEGATECH
89
IN THAT KIND OF PLACE I WOULDN'T BE A BIT SURPRISED EVEN IF THEY WERE CREATING SUPER ROBOT WAR MACHINES DOWN IN THAT BASEMENT OF THEIRS
YOU... ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT WE'RE SOME KIND OF AN AXIS OF EVIL?
BUT... BUT STILL, WHAT DOES AN ANDROID LIKE THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME?
AND WHY DID IT HAVE TO APPEAR IN THE FORM OF 'MIN SIA'?
I ONLY HEARD THIS FROM MY DAD MYSELF, BUT

THE COMPANY, AT GREAT PAINS TO GATHER OPERATIONAL DATA ABOUT THE EA WITHOUT EXPOSING THEIR EXISTENCE TO THE PUBLIC...
FINALLY HAD THE IDEA TO USE THE 'GAME' AND SYNCHRONIZE THE VIRTUAL REALITY CHARACTERS WITH THE ANDROID.
BUT ONE OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECT'S SENIOR MANAGER CLAIMS THAT...
THE EXTREME LIMITATION OF BODY MOVEMENT IS MARTIAL ARTS! IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT A 'FIGHTING GAME' IS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT'S TEST PHASE!!
WHICH WAS THEN PASSED BY THE BOARD AND WAS THE CAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT.
YOU DON'T MEAN...
THAT GAME IS METAL HEART...?!

ANYTHING WRONG, DIRECTOR?
NO...JUST THAT MY EAR IS ITCHING SUDDENLY.. IS SOMEONE TALKING ABOUT ME?
SFX: SHOOSH
SFX: AHH IRWIN IRWIN!!!
EVA UNIT

THE RESULT OF YOUR ANALYSIS?
UNFORTU-NATELY...
IT'S IDENTICAL TO OUR PREDICTIONS.
HER INTERNAL PERSONALITY MATRIX IS FULLY FORMED.
MIN SIA
NO OUTSIDE CONTROL OR EVEN INFILTRATIONS ARE POSSIBLE IN HER CURRENT STATE.
IN OTHER WORDS, SHE IS NOW THE PERFECT INCARNATION OF THE GAME'S HEROINE, MIN SIA.
SO NOW, SHE IS OF NO USE TO US? WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT THIS?!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
TO HAVE LET MATTERS GO THIS FAR! ALL OF OUR FUTURE PLANS ARE IN COMPLETE JEOPARDY!!

THERE IS NO NEED TO SHIFT BLAME ON TO HIM.
CHAIRMAN!!
SINCE I WAS THE ONE WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSAL TO USE THIS 'GAME'...

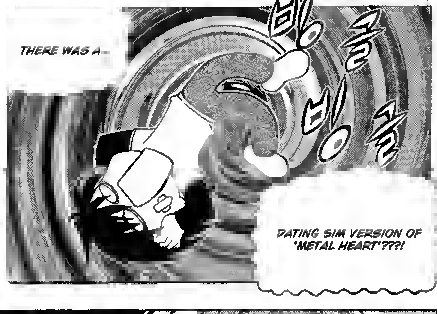
WOULD YOU EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED IN DETAIL?

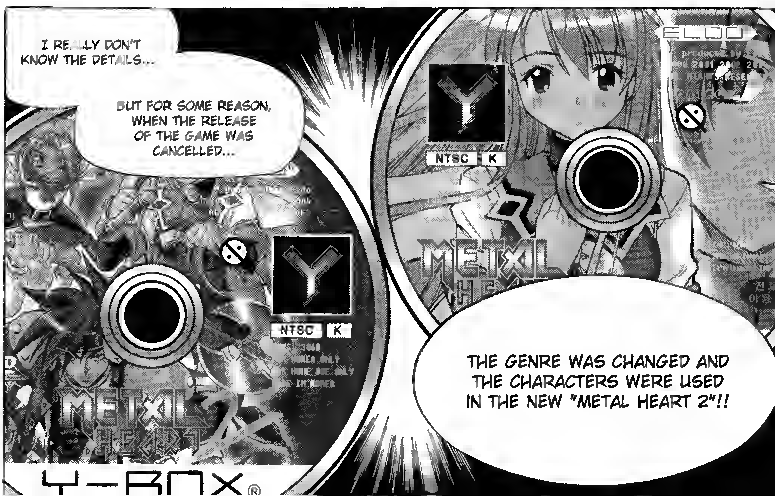
IT IS AS THE REPORT THAT I'VE SUBMITTED DURING THE SCHEDULED SIMULATION TESTING OF THE EA THROUGH THE GAME INTERFACE
THE GAME THAT WAS DELIVERED WAS NOT METAL HEART 2. BUT A DIFFERENT GAME CAUSING A SEVERE IMBALANCE IN THE EA'S PERSONALITY MATRIX

THE BIGGER PROBLEM IS THAT IF WE TRY TO UTILIZE EXTERNAL RESOURCES TO TRY TO FORCE THIS 'GAME' TO STOP,
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE EA, ALSO KNOWN AS MIN SIA, MIGHT FLEE AND SELF-DESTRUCT!
BEH
THEN DOES THAT MEAN THAT THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO UNTIL THE GAME IS PLAYED TO THE END ...?
THEN HAVE YOU UNCOVERED ANY FACTS ABOUT THE EXCHANGED GAME?
IT WAS 'METAL HEART', SIR.
WHAT ...?!
ONLY THAT...
IT WAS NOT THE FIGHTING GAME,
BUT THE DATING SIMULATION GAME, 'METAL HEART'

IM...

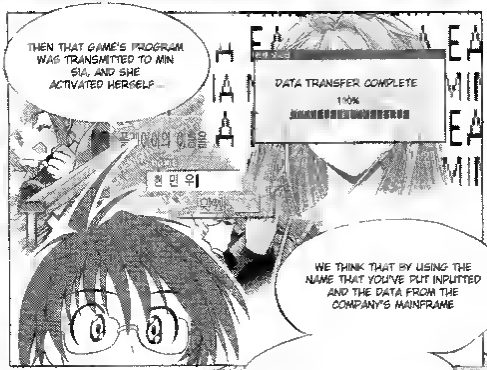
IMPOSSIBLE--!!
THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM THE GAME DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. THEY SAID IT WAS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED...
AND IT LOOKS LIKE EVEN THE OTAKUS WERE NOT AWARE OF IT'S EXISTENCE


THERE WAS A...
DATING SIM VERSION OF "METAL HEART"???!


I RE...LY DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS...
BUT FOR SOME REASON, WHEN THE RELEASE OF THE GAME WAS CANCELLED...
NTSC K
METAL HEART
Y-BOX®
THE GENRE WAS CHANGED AND THE CHARACTERS WERE USED IN THE NEW "METAL HEART 2"!!

MIN SIA WAS ORIGINALLY THE LEAD CHARACTER IN THE DATING SIM VERSION'

WE'RE STILL INVESTIGATING THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES,
BUT WE THINK THAT THE GAME WAS MIXED UP SINCE THE CHARACTER ILLUSTRATIONS WERE SIMILAR.


THEN THAT GAME'S PROGRAM WAS TRANSMITTED TO MIN SIA, AND SHE ACTIVATED HERSELF...
DATA TRANSFER COMPLETE
100%
WE THINK THAT BY USING THE NAME THAT YOU'VE PUT INPUTTED AND THE DATA FROM THE COMPANY'S MAINFRAME

I THINK SHE WAS ABLE TO FIND YOU IN REAL LIFE
...IT'S A RELIEF....
I CAN LEAVE MYSELF IN YOUR HANDS WITHOUT ANY WORRY.

SO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WERE CHOSEN AS THE GAMER
SEX. CHARACTERISTIC
TO PLAY A DATING SIMULATION GAME AGAINST THE EA. NO, WAIT. MIN SIA, NOT IN A COMPUTER MONITOR, BUT IN REAL LIFE!
SFX: FIZZT
HYUN MIN WOO.
SO IT MEANS THAT THE FATE OF THE EA PROJECT IS IN THE HANDS OF THIS BOY'S GAMING ABILITIES.
DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCRETE STRATEGIES PLANNED OUT?
MY HAND-PICKED AGENTS ARE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY, SIR.
AND ABOVE ALL ELSE, THAT BOY IS ...

AHH... NO! I CAN'T--!
KEK FLOP FLOP
SCF SCF
SCF SCF
THAT'S TOO MUCH! I CAN NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT--!!
WHY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! I TOLD YOU, YOU'LL BE SUFFICIENTLY COMPENSATED FOR GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THIS. .!!
FRANKLY, WE WERE PLANNING TO GO THROUGH THIS QUIETLY, BUT BECAUSE YOU FIGURED IT OUT ALL BY YOURSELF ..
NO..NO, THAT'S NOT IT--!!
I MEAN THAT I'M...
IN FACT -
AND FOR AN OTAKU LIKE YOU, A BISHOUJO DATING SIM GAME WOULD BE A WALK IN THE PARK, WOULDN'T IT?
?

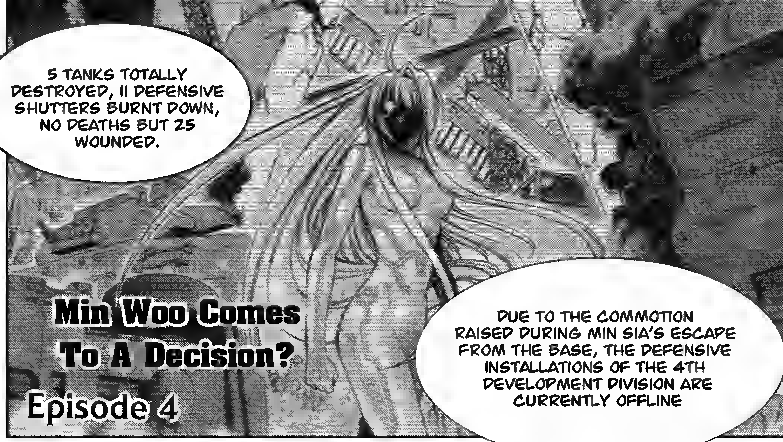
MIN WOO-KUN IS NOT ONLY AN OTAKU WITH A COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF ALL GAMES,
BUT HE'S ALSO THE TOURNAMENT CHAMPION NO LESS!!
I...
TOTALLY SUCK AT DATING SIM GAMES---!!

SFX: TENSE
EE!
IT'S A RELIEF THAT YOUR CAREER IS UNHARMED, DIRECTOR
THANKS.
WE'VE JUST RECEIVED THE DATA COLLECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WHEN EA (MIN SIA) WAS ESCAPING
IS THAT SO? CAN I WATCH IT NOW?
SFX: 지지지지
BUT ANYWAYS, IS THIS REALLY OK?
HUH?
IF...
SFX: 지직
THE BOY FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS OTHER SIDE OF MIN SIA...
WOULD HE WILLINGLY HELP US WITHOUT MAKING A FUSS...?
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE CAN'T SHOW HIM THIS SIDE OF HER.

FLOP
FLOP
FLOP

메타하트
METAL
HEART

JOINT PROJECT
Slaphappy
Slaphappy
/Cleaner Fay

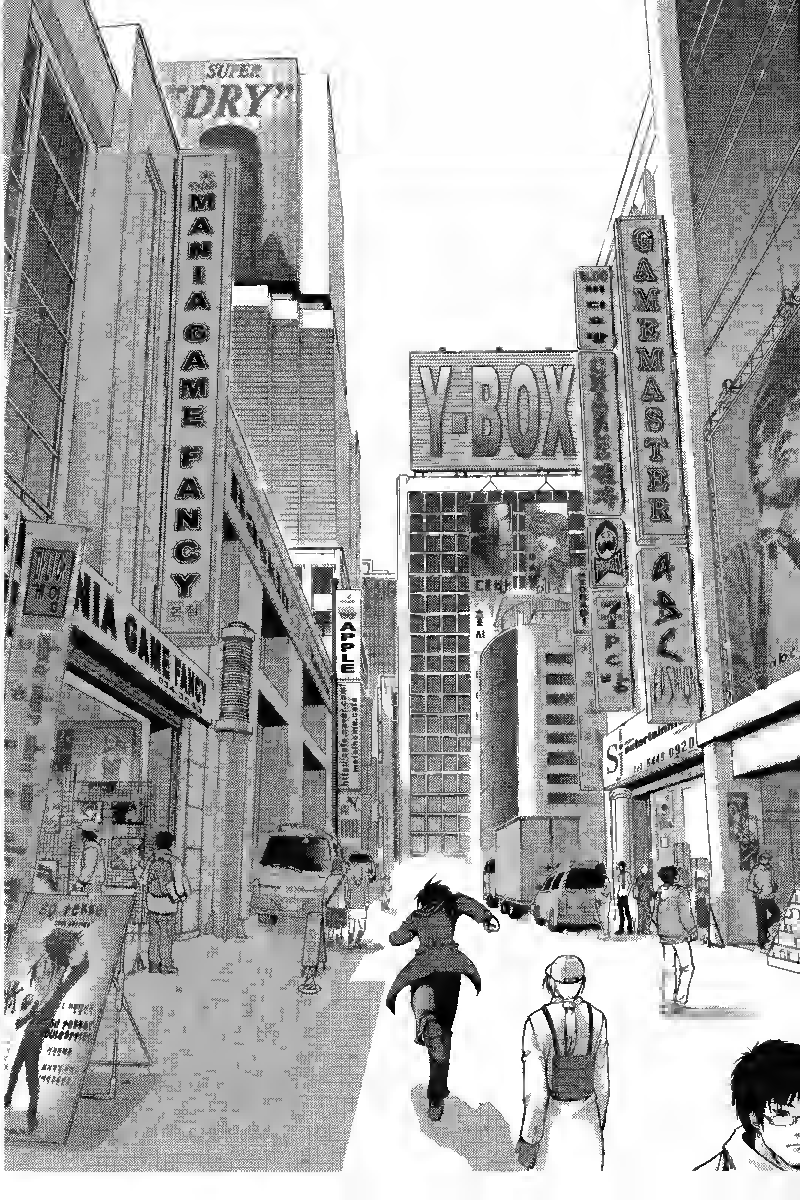

5 TANKS TOTALLY DESTROYED, 11 DEFENSIVE SHUTTERS BURNT DOWN, NO DEATHS BUT 25 WOUNDED.
DUE TO THE COMMOTION RAISED DURING MIN SIA'S ESCAPE FROM THE BASE, THE DEFENSIVE INSTALLATIONS OF THE 4TH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ARE CURRENTLY OFFLINE

Min Woo Comes To A Decision?

Episode 4

TO THINK SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS ROAMING THE STREETS FREELY... JUST THE THOUGHT OF IT IS GIVING ME THE CREEPS.
THAT WAS ONLY HER SELF-DEFENSE MECHANISM ACTIVATING UNCONSCIOUSLY.. AMAZING.

NICE BODY...
OK
What, what can I do for you? Nuri.
WE HAVE A PROBLEM
IN YOUR BREASTS?
WRONG!
I MEAN THAT OTAKU BOY.


SUPER
DRY
MANIA GAME FANCY
Y-BOX
GAMEMASTER
4AC

MAYBE I WENT JUST A LITTLE TOO FAR,
BUT HE SHOULD BE SORRY ENOUGH NOW
Since I starved him for half a day
AND SINCE THERE'S NO WAY OPPA WOULD BE ABLE TO FEED HIMSELF,
I'LL USE MY SPECIAL RECIPE TO MAKE HIM PLEAD THAT HE'LL NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAIN
Tada~!!
벌컥
Here comes the Mina brand special curry~!!
Min Woo's Room
So good the next!
Sorry. I'll never do something like that again
Fufu

SIGN ELDORADO GAME LAND
EH?
OPPA?
We regret to inform all our valued customers that due to the indefinite postponement of the release date for Y-BOX2 on the part of MegaTech, we are hereby canceling all reserved orders. We deeply apologize for any inconvenience.
ELDORADO GAMELAND

SFX: CRAAAAACK
AH, IT'S YOU, MIN WOO. YOU HEARD THE NEWS ALREADY AND STOPPED BY?
KO
MR...MR. STORE MANAGER! IS THIS FOR REAL?!
YEAH, UNFORTUNATELY I RECEIVED THE NOTICE UNEXPECTEDLY, TOO.
Can't you read the sign?
NOT ONLY THE STORES,
BUT THE GAMING MAGAZINES ARE GOING NUTS AS WELL
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM?
I HEARD IT FROM A REPORTER FRIEND OF MINE,
BUT EACH GAME MAGAZINE RECEIVED TREMENDOUS PRESSURE TO RECALL ALL COPIES OF THIS MONTH'S ISSUE, EVEN IF IT HIT THE NEWSSTANDS, AND REPRINT THEM AFTER AMENDING THE ARTICLES
HUH?! WHAT KIND OF PRESSURE...?

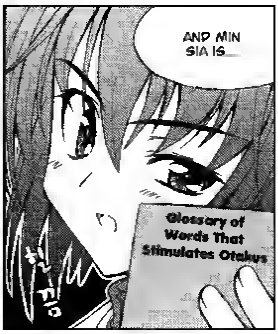
MEGA TECH SAGA?
HUH...? Y-BOX 2 IS NOT COMING OUT ANYMORE?
IT'S DEFINITELY ABOUT Y-BOX 2 AND THE NEW GAME 'METAL HEART'... PROBABLY...
WHINE~ I wanted that for my birthday present~
THERE NOW, WE HAVE A LOT OF OTHER GOOD STUFF HERE
MIN WOO?!
IT'S TRUE. THE GAMES THAT BOY IS GOOD AT ARE ALL ACTION RELATED GAMES.
i despise people like you!
NO MATTER IF THEY'RE DATING SIMS OR PRINCESS GAMES, IF IT'S A BISHOUJO GAME, THEN HE SAID HE GETS THE BAD ENDINGS EVERY SINGLE TIME.
-GAME OVER-

I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT REASON YET,
BUT AT LEAST I COULD NOT FIND ANY "DATING SIM GAMES" IN HIS ROOM.
Although he has a bunch of other games.
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME!!
BUT SHOULDN'T IT BE ALRIGHT?
WE HAVE THE DATA ABOUT THE GAME, SO IF WE CAN SUPPORT HIM PROPERLY...
STILL, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. IF WE FAIL, THEN EVERYTHING IS OVER.
IT'S NOT LIKE HE ONLY NEEDS TO SIMPLY FINISH THE GAME.
ALSO, THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THIS GAME IS NOT RUNNING INSIDE A COMPUTER, BUT RUNNING IN REAL LIFE...
ㅇㅁㅇ

YOU HAVE A SOLUTION? NURI?!
JUST LEAVE IT ALL TO ME, DAD.
I HAVE A GREAT IDEA.
IDEA?
WE JUST HAVE TO USE
THAT BOY'S OTAKU QUALITIES TO THE MAXIMUM ♥
BUT ANYWAYS, TO PREVENT THE WORST ENDING OF THIS GAME FROM BECOMING REALITY,
WE NEED TO IMPLANT SOME BETTER MOTIVATIONS IN THAT BOY.

NOW THAT YOU'VE FELT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION YOURSELF,
ARE YOU FINALLY CONVINCED THAT YOU MUST HELP US?
BUT RIGHT NOW, EARTH IS BEING THREATENED BY A MYSTERIOUS ENEMY!
I WAS GOING TO TRY TO HIDE THIS FROM YOU NO MATTER WHAT...

EHH...?
IT'S TRUE... IT'S JUST THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S HIDING THE FACT FROM THE PUBLIC TO PREVENT A MASS PANIC... THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT UNTIL THE BATTLE BEGINS


AND MIN SIA IS...
Glossary of Words That Stimulates Otakus

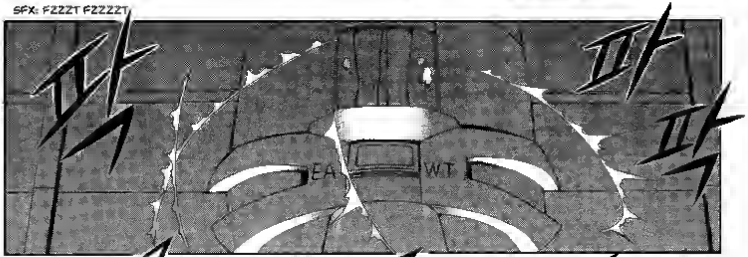
A SECRETLY DEVELOPED ANDROID "PROTOTYPE" TO COMBAT THAT ENEMY, SO IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S HUMANITY'S LAST HOPE!!
BORN AS A CULMINATION OF YEARS OF RESEARCH, TO BE "3 TIME STRONGER" THAN THE ENEMIES
ed note: Oh, wtf? is that sailor MOON? *puke puke*
STAB
STAB
STAB
STAB
IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S THE "BISHOUJO WARRIOR OF JUSTICE"! AND THE "ULTIMATE WEAPON"!!

MIN WOO, YOUR WORK IN FREEING HER FROM THE SHACKLES OF THE GAME PROGRAM...
Hero Who Saved Earth
BUT IN HER CURRENT STATE, MIN SIA WILL BE USELESS.
Hyun Min Woo Autograph Session
WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT TO YOU BEING THE HERO WHO SAVES THE PLANET EARTH!!
FURTHERMORE, IF YOU CAN RESTORE THE TEST CONSOLE'S DATA,
THEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POSTPONED Y-BOX CONSOLE AND THE NEW GAME "METAL HEART 2"!!
YOU WOULD BE THE SAVIOR OF BOTH THE WORLD AND THE FONDEST WISHES OF ALL THE GAMES ON THE PLANET!
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS...

GAME CENTER
AS A REWARD, IT WOULD BE NOTHING TO MAKE A GAME CENTER OR TWO FOR YOUR EXCLUSIVE USE!!
ALTHOUGH IT'S A MADE UP STORY,
IT SHOULD DEFINITELY WORK, DAD.
SINCE HE JUST SAW THAT.
EVEN IF THE STORY'S A LITTLE OUT THERE, HE SHOULD DEFINITELY COME AROUND!!
AND PLUS, YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO REMAIN AS A GUY WHO CAN'T EVER GET A DATE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, NOW, WOULD YOU?
WHILE SAFELY FINISHING THIS DATING SIM GAME,
AND, AT THE SAME TIME, YOU CAN USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE REBORN AS A GUY WHO'S ULTRA POPULAR WITH GIRLS! HOW IS IT?

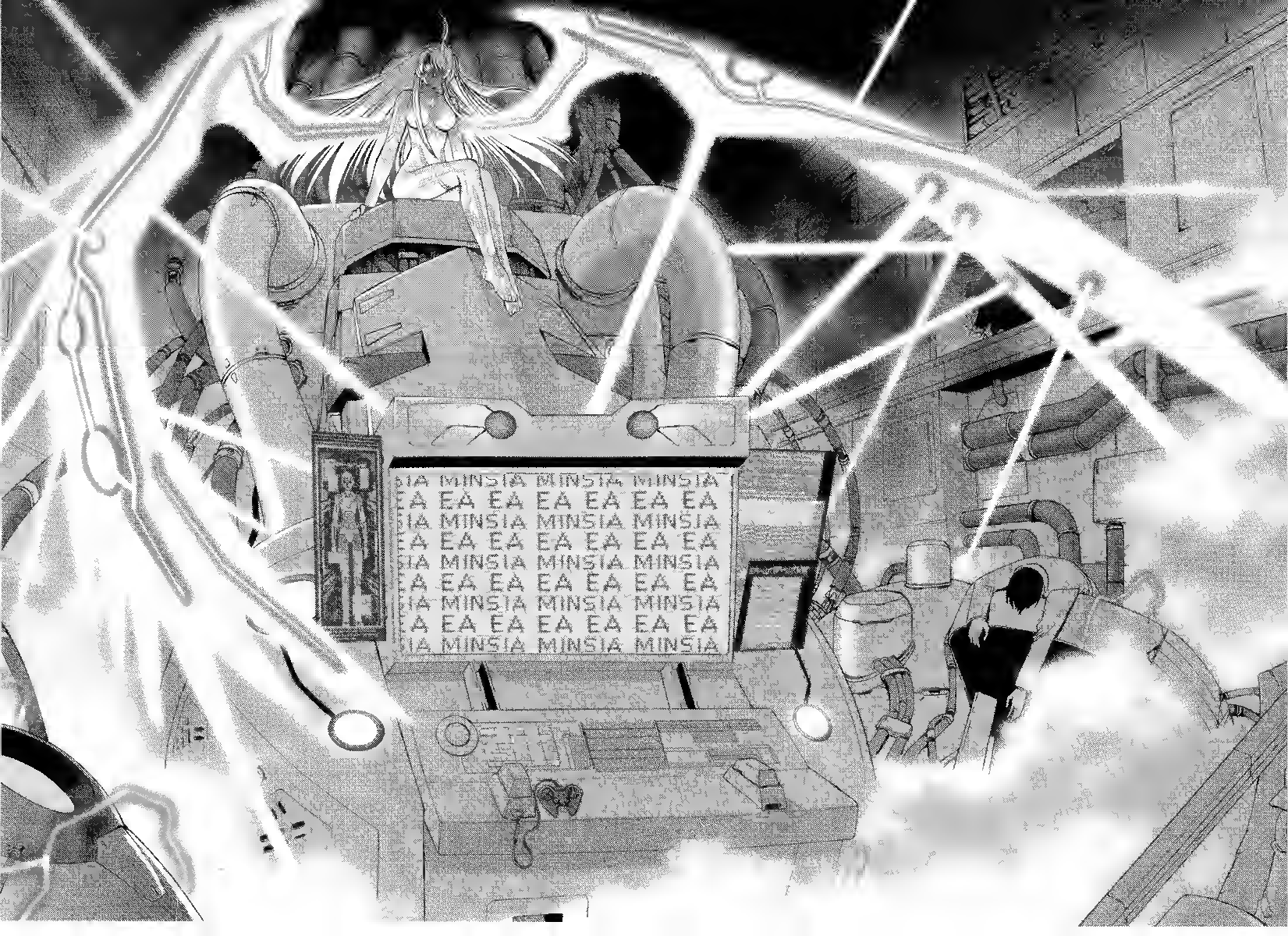
THERE, TAKE THAT! YOU PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST...!
SAVING THE WORLD... OR BECOMING A HERO... I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN ANY OF THAT BUT...
IF MATTERS REMAIN AS THEY ARE, THEN IT MEANS THAT BOTH 'METAL HEART 2' AND MIN SIA WILL REMAIN ASLEEP FOREVER, RIGHT?
I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT...!
AND BESIDES, EVEN YOU,
YOU'RE WORKING SO DESPERATELY TO SAVE YOUR BELOVED DAD FROM TROUBLE, AREN'T YOU?

ALRIGHT, I'LL DO IT!
FOR THE SOUL OF MY GAME!!


SFX: FZZZT FZZZZT
파
파
파
EA
W.T

SFX BOOOOOOM
쾅
OF
OF
OF
ARGH!

SFX: PEEEEEEEP
OH OH OH OH
WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
BIG TROUBLE, SIR! THE EA, WAIT, NO, MIN SIA HAD ESCAPED FROM HER COCOON, AND SHE'S HEADED FOR THE TEST ROOM!!
SFX: PAAAAAA
GAH!
OH
!!
SFX: TAP TAP TAP TAP


MINSIA MINSIA MINSIA
EA EA EA EA EA EA EA
MINSIA MINSIA MINSIA
EA EA EA EA EA EA EA
MINSIA MINSIA MINSIA
EA EA EA EA EA EA EA
MINSIA MINSIA MINSIA
EA EA EA EA EA EA EA
MINSIA MINSIA MINSIA

THIS IS ...!
WHAT THE ...!
SHE IS HACKING INTO THE DATA RELATED TO THE DATING SIM VERSION OF 'METAL HEART PLUS'!!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFEND! WE CAN'T BLOCK HER, SIR!!
122
WERE WE ABLE TO GET HER BACK SO EASILY BECAUSE SHE WAS AFTER THIS PLACE?
WOULD THAT MEAN THAT THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM IS NOT WITH THE EXCHANGED GAMES, BUT INSTEAD, IT'S MINSIA'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?
WHY?!
ARE YOU TAKING CONTROL OF MIN SIA AND DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
?!

BECAUSE A GAME THAT YOU KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS TO
HAS NO MEANING.
WITH THIS, NOW,
THE GAMER MUST SOLVE FOR HIMSELF WHICH ENDING HE WILL GET TO SEE WITH MIN SIA.
THE GAME DEVELOPERS LAYING UNCONSCIOUS THERE WOULD NOT BE OF ANY HELP FROM NOW ON, RIGHT?
THAT'S BULLSHIT!! IF HE HAPPENS TO SEE THE BAD ENDING, BY ANY CHANCE...!
THEN NOT ONLY MIN WOO-KUN, BUT MIN SIA WOULD ALSO...!!
CAN'T BE...!
IS THAT YOUR OBJECTIVE...?!
SFX: FZZZZZZZT

SFX PLOP

DIRECTOR...!
ARE YOU OK?
ALL DATA CONCERNING THE PROGRESSION OF THE GAME HAS BEEN DELETED FROM THE MAINFRAME.
CONTACT NURI IMMEDIATELY!!
THE WORST POSSIBLE GAME... AND THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION
YES...YES SIR!
SO WOULD WE REALLY HAVE TO...
LEAVE IT ALL IN THE HANDS OF THAT BOY WHO HAS ABSOLUTELY NO SKILLS AT DATING SIM GAMES...?!
Prologue
- MEETING -
START

JOINT PROJECT
Slaphappy
Slaphappy
Pry

Episode 5. Game Start–!!

PZLLLZT
TEST ACTIVATED! ARE YOU READY, MIN WOO?
ER-UTV07
HAN NURI
Uh...YEAH.
DON'T GET NERVOUS...I'LL IMMEDIATELY SEND YOU ANY DATA YOU MIGHT NEED.
BUT, IT'S REALLY HARD TO GET USED TO THIS. FEELS LIKE I'VE BECOME A SPY OR SOMETHING
AND FURTHER-MORE...
DO I REALLY HAVE TO WEAR SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
DEVELOPED BY MEGATECH
SHOCK ABSORBING
ARMORED VEST

IT'S ALRIGHT. IT'S NOT EVEN HEAVY. WITH THAT, WE CAN REST ASSURED EVEN IF YOU GET HIT BY MIKE TYSON'S ATOMIC PUNCH OR GET SQUASHED BY A SUMO WRESTLER
HUH?
WELL, YOU JUST NEED TO ENDURE IT FOR A SHORT WHILE – BUT ANYWAYS, JUST THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO ACT FROM NOW ON.
THEN, WE'RE STARTING!
끼익
SFX: GULP!~
SFX: SQUEAK

SFX: TAP

탁

A PERSONALITY TEST?!
BEFORE SHE MEETS "ME"
SO THIS IS HOW SHE LOOKS IN THE PROLOGUE BEFORE SHE MEETS THE MAIN CHARACTER!
CASUAL OUTFIT VERSION MINGIA--!
STAY ALERT! KEEP A CERTAIN DISTANCE, BUT NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF HER!
AL
ALRIGHT!

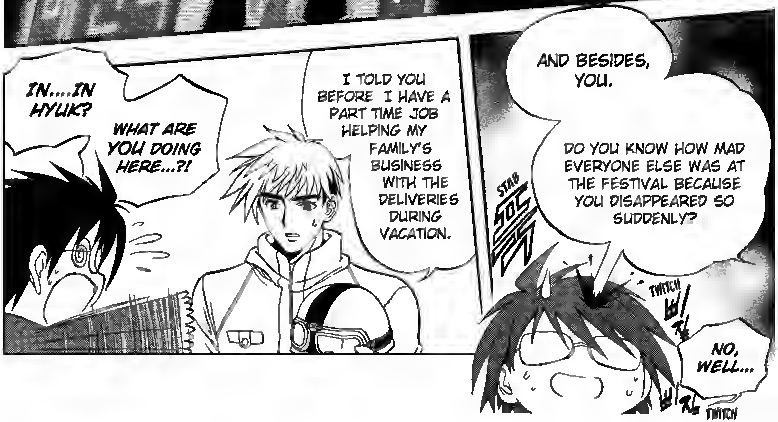
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THE REASON WHY SHE MET YOU AT THE FESTIVAL WAS TO TEST THE PLAYER...
AND THE TEST WAS CARRIED OUT NOT BY THE MINGIA IN THE GAME BUT FROM A SEPARATE PERSONALITY IN HER PROGRAM
WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIND OUT WHY A PROGRAM LIKE THAT WAS CREATED INSIDE HER
BUT WHAT WE'RE SURE OF IS THAT CURRENTLY, SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE
Hah...THEN ...!!
AS IF THESE WERE MY CLOTHES
FROM THE BEGINNING!!
SO THEREFORE...
YOU MUST! NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO AT THIS FIRST MEETING—!!
YOU MUST CATCH HER INTEREST, OR ELSE!!

..ALTHOUGH I SAID THAT,
IF THAT WAS AS EASY AS IT SOUNDS,
THEN THAT LOSER WOULDN'T BE LIVING A LIFE DEVOID OF A SINGLE GIRLFRIEND RIGHT NOW...
Whhh so... I JUST HAVE TO FOLLOW HER LIKE THIS?
WAIT! YOU'D SOON GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO HER
BUT BUT, WHAT IF THE PUNKS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD SEES HER AND SWARM AROUND HER FIRST
Ohhhhot Babe!
Should we help her?
G-MAN SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THEM, SO DON'T WORRY.
SFX: GRAB GRAB
E!
E!
ANYWAYS, IT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING THAT THERE'S NO ONE AROUND HERE THAT KNOWS ME...

MIN WOO?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SHOCK

SFX HEEEEP

TROUBLE IN SECTOR 3—!


IN....IN HYUK?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?!
I TOLD YOU BEFORE I HAVE A PART TIME JOB HELPING MY FAMILY'S BUSINESS WITH THE DELIVERIES DURING VACATION.
AND BESIDES, YOU.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MAD EVERYONE ELSE WAS AT THE FESTIVAL BECAUSE YOU DISAPPEARED SO SUDDENLY?
STARE
TWITCH
NO, WELL...
TWITCH

AND I COULDN'T GET A HOLD OF YOU SINCE THEN... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
WHA... IN HYUK, I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW...
GU@IH
HI, THERE~!!
WE'RE CONDUCTING CONSUMER QUESTIONNAIRES FOR XX DAIRY CORPORATION'S △△ MILK~!!
WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU COULD SAMPLE OUR NEW PRODUCT AND GIVE US YOUR OPINION~♡
~~!!
HUH? WAIT..!
IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE~♡

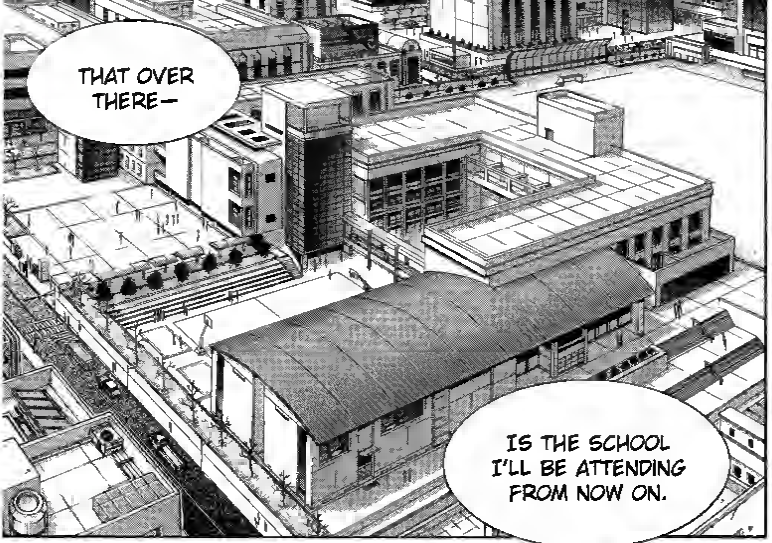
TROUBLE CLEAR!!
ALRIGHT! MIN WOO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! HURRY UP AND CHASE AFTER MINSIA!!
SFX PAAA
SHE'S ..SHE'S NOT HERE!!
WHERE DID SHE GO?
SFX WHACK
WHAT...
WHAT WAS THAT?!
?!

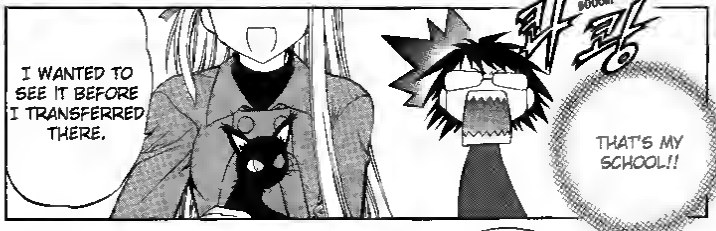
SFX SLAMMMMMM
Uhyaaaaa～～
ARE...ARE YOU OK?!
SHOCK TREATMENT!
YES, MA'AM!
RRRRRR
ZOL

ARRGGHH~!!
?!
I...I THOUGHT I WAS DEAD...!
Uhh...
SO THIS VEST WAS FOR THESE TYPES OF SITUATIONS...?!
I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THIS POOR LITTLE THING WAS STUCK IN THE TREE...
SO WHEN I WAS TRYING TO HELP HIM DOWN, THE BRANCH SUDDENLY BROKE...
A...KITTEN?
AND A BLACK ONE, AT THAT!!
YOU'RE SAFE NOW! BLACKIE♡
YOU NAMED IT ALREADY?
SEEMS LIKE YOU REALLY LIKE ANIMALS, huh?
Mmhmm YOU DON'T LIKE CATS BY ANY CHANCE?

OF COURSE I LIKE THEM! ESPECIALLY THE NEKO MAID TYPES.
?
SFX FZZZZZZT
X▲●
@~!!
Uh..
Ah..IT'S NOTHING, NOTHING AT ALL! Hahaha...
?
IF IT'S OK WITH YOU,
CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

PLEASE TAKE ME TO A PLACE WHERE I CAN SEE THE WHOLE TOWN.
Waaaah~
SO THIS WAS IT, HUH—!
DO YOU COME HERE A LOT?
Ah, Yeah
I ONLY FOLLOWED THE MAP DISPLAY ON MY GLASSES, FIRST TIME HERE FOR ME TOO
Wow! OVER THERE'S WHERE I FIRST SAW BLACKIE.
AND—


THAT OVER THERE—
IS THE SCHOOL I'LL BE ATTENDING FROM NOW ON.


I WANTED TO SEE IT BEFORE I TRANSFERRED THERE.
BOOOM
THAT'S MY SCHOOL!!

I WAS WANDERING HERE AND THERE, TRYING TO GET TO KNOW THIS AREA,
WHEN I HEARD THIS POOR LITTLE THING CALLING ME.
Uh. YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP THAT?
Mmhmm! WHY?
WELL, IT'S JUST THAT
NORMALLY, DON'T PEOPLE SAY THAT BLACK CATS ARE UNLUCKY?

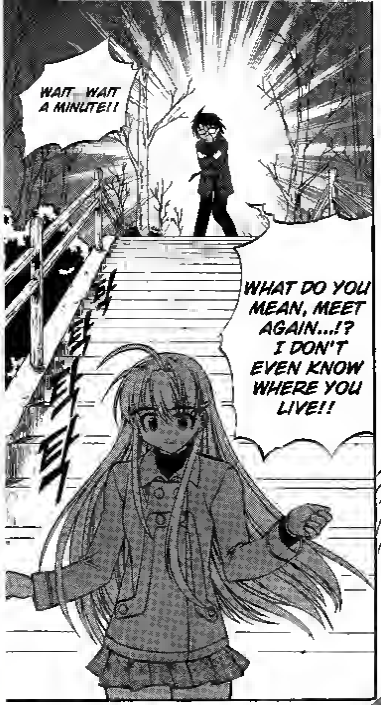
SFX SLIP
사락

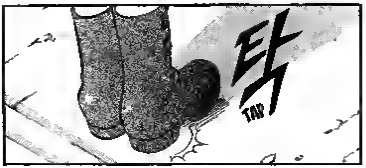
SO DO YOU STILL THINK
THIS LITTLE KITTEN IS... UNLUCKY AND WORTHLESS?

TO ME,
HE IS THE LUCKY CHARM THAT HELPED ME MEET THE FIRST FRIENDLY PERSON IN THIS STRANGE TOWN...
SFX SPLASH
The waves of emotion
TOUCHED~
HAHAHAHA~! COME TO THINK OF IT, LOOK AT HIS GLOSSY FUR...HE'S PRETTY CUTE, AFTER ALL!
BITE
BUT...

I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE HIM BACK HOME RIGHT NOW...
SHOULD I LEAVE HIM AT A SHELTER?
144
Ah...
WELL, THEN.
SHOULD I HOLD ON TO HIM FOR A WHILE?
Ehhh?
BUT...
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU
AND TO KEEP RECEIVING YOUR HELP...
WELL, NO. NOT LIKE I'M EXPECTING ANYTHING IN RETURN.
GOOD NEWS! BLACKIE♡ YOU FOUND A NEW MASTER♡
Tob

THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SIA...
MIN SIA.
AND YOU ARE?
1/5
Ah! MIN WOO...
MY NAME IS HYUN MIN WOO.
Ah...!
OH NO! I GOING TO BE LATE FOR THE BUS BACK HOME!
THEN MIN WOO,
PLEASE TAKE OF MY BLACKIE FOR ME UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN~!
Huh?!





SFX: TAP TAP TAP TAP

AND I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT...YOUR NAME AND YOUR FACE. THEY SEEMED FAMILIAR TO ME.
NEXT TIME,
SHOW ME LOTS OF OTHER PLACES~
LUCKY...
CAT, huh...

AFTER ALL...
...DON'T LIKE IT
SO WE BARELY MADE IT THROUGH THE FIRST OB-STACLE
EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN AN EDGE-OF-THE-SEAT EXPERIENCE WITH THAT LOSER OTAKU AS THE PLAYER
SINCE THERE'S SO MANY UNSPECIFIED FACTORS ABOUT MINSIA, THE FIRST THING WE MUST DO IS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT OTAKU CHARACTERISTICS OF HIS

BUT STILL,
EA
EVEN IF WE DECORATE A WEAPON WITH RIBBONS AND STUFF, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IN THE END.
MEGA TECH
WELCOME BACK, OPPA...
KYAAH!!
MEOW~

메타하트
METAL
HEART

JOINT PROJECT
Slaphappy
Slaphappy
Pry

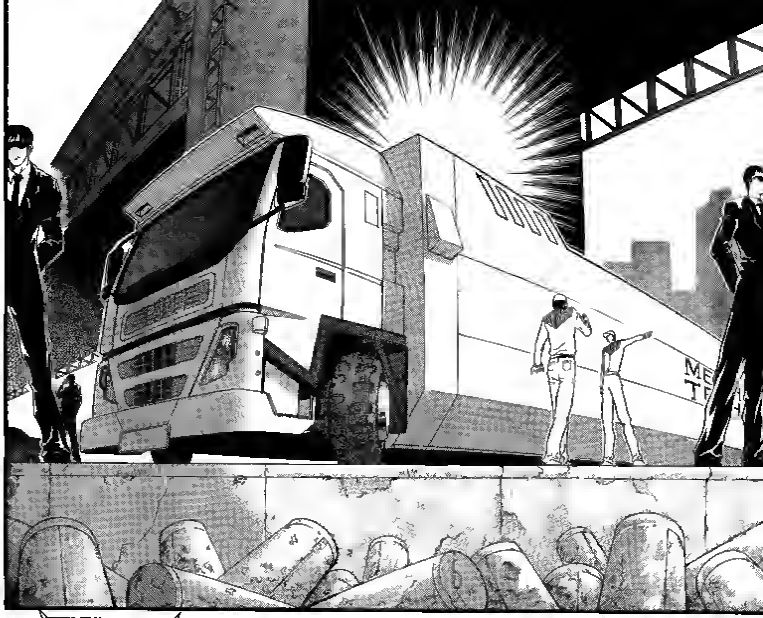
...WOO.
.. HYUN MIN WOO!
WAKE UP, MIN WOO.
SHAKE
흔들
SHAKE
흔들
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE THE NEW SEMESTER'S STARTED, AND YOU'RE ALREADY OVERSLEEPING?
Hmmm...MINA, JUST A LIL' MORE~
METAL
DON'T YOU HAVE TO BE A BIT MORE INDUSTRIOUS NOW?
151
HMMMM
TODAY IS THE DAY WHEN YOU GET TO MEET MINSIA AGAIN!
IF YOU KEEP DAWDLING LIKE THAT...
ARRRGHHH~!!

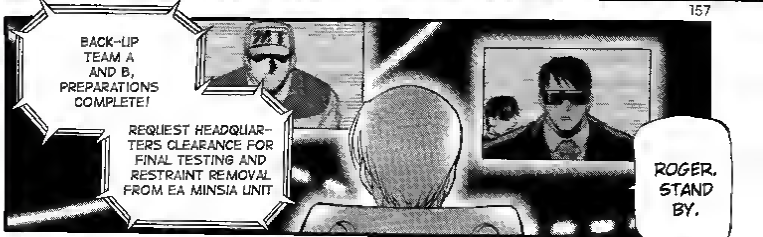
Episode 6.
MIN WOO, LET'S GO TO SCHOOL!

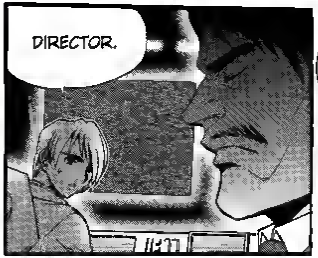
WHY YOU...
WHAT KINDA CHILDHOOD FRIEND WOULD WAKE SOMEONE UP WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT~?!
SHOULD BE ALRIGHT. SINCE I PUT IT ON THE LOWEST SETTING. JUST THINK OF IT AS A BIT OF SHOCK THERAPY.
AND DON'T BE MISTAKEN. I ONLY PLAY A CHILDHOOD FRIEND CHARACTER IN FRONT OF MINSIA AND OTHERS AROUND YOU.
I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING THAT I'LL TRULY BE A CHILDHOOD FRIEND TO A LOSER LIKE YOU.
YOU'RE REALLY NOT CUTE AT ALL.
I UNDERSTAND, SO PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR A MINUTE WHILE I GET CHANGED.
FLASH!!
ACKKK~!!

RS-78
GUNDOM
Did I or didn't I tell you? No otaku items on or in or near your body during the game period.
UNDERWEAR SHOULD BE FINE!! UNDERWEAR—!! SINCE YOU CAN'T SEE THEM ANY-WAYS...
TAKE IT OFF—!!
ACKK—! STOP IT!! THESE UNDIES ARE SUPPOSED TO STRENGTHEN MY NEW-TYPE QUALITIES——!

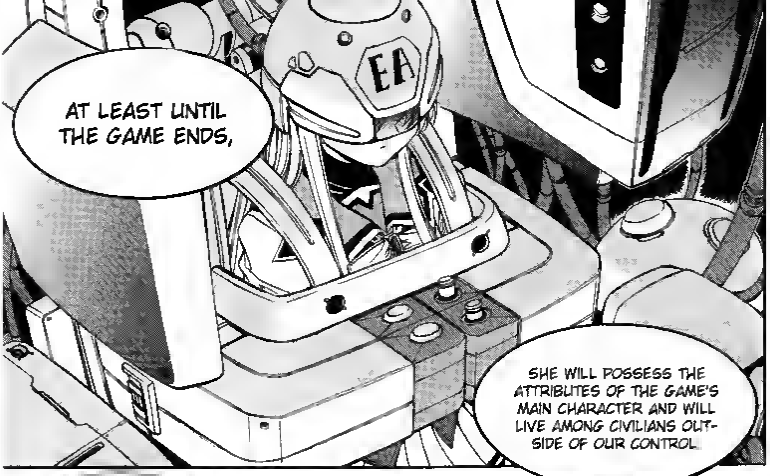
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?




BACK-UP TEAM A AND B, PREPARATIONS COMPLETE!
REQUEST HEADQUARTERS CLEARANCE FOR FINAL TESTING AND RESTRAINT REMOVAL FROM EA MINSIA UNIT
ROGER. STAND BY.


DIRECTOR.

ONCE SHE OPENS HER EYES HERE, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RETRIEVE HER LIKE WE HAD DURING THE PROLOGUE.
IS THAT OK?

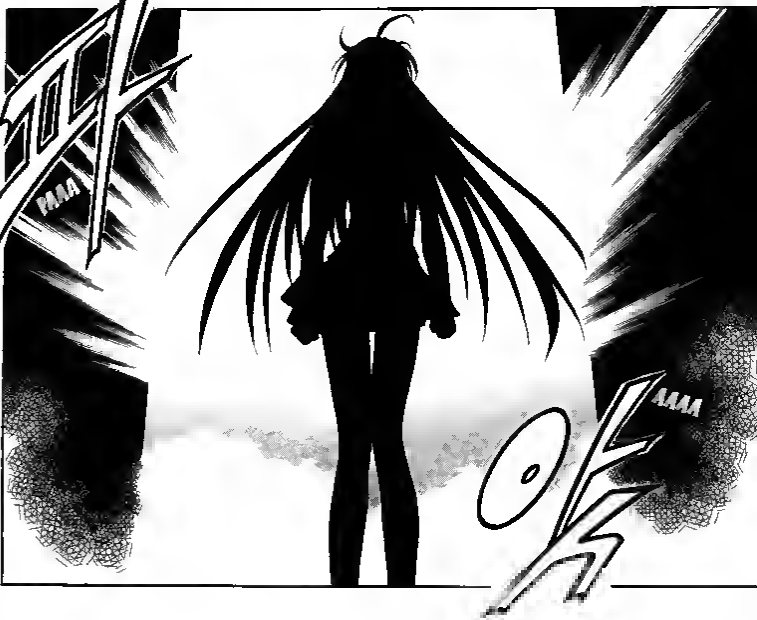

EA
AT LEAST UNTIL THE GAME ENDS,
SHE WILL POSSESS THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE GAME'S MAIN CHARACTER AND WILL LIVE AMONG CIVILIANS OUTSIDE OF OUR CONTROL.

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO TRY TO SEAL HER OFF NOW WHEN WE CAN?
We would have done it if we could.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO STOP THE GAME'S PROGRESS, LIKE SHE SAID...

WHY ARE YOU TAKING CONTROL OF NINASA AND DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
BECAUSE A GAME THAT YOU KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS TO
HAS NO MEANING

ANYWAYS, THE FIRST THING WE MUST DO IS TO DISCOVER THE ROOT CAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT AND FIND A WAY TO RESOLVE IT!
THEN PROVIDE AROUND THE CLOCK SUPPORT TO GUARANTEE THE SAFE ENDING OF THE GAME!

TIME TO GO TO SCHOOL NOW!
CAUTION
GLIGH!
MIN SIA—!


AAA
AAAA

I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT, THEN? MINA.
CLANK
CLANK
LOOKS LIKE SHE FINALLY BELIEVED THAT I'M YOUR FRIEND.
JUST WHAT KIND OF LOOK ON HER FACE WOULD MAKE YOU THINK THAT?

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU TWO LIVED APART, BECAUSE OF YOUR DAD'S JOB...
SO THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT YOU HAVING A FRIEND OR TWO THAT SHE WOULDN'T KNOW
THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU'RE A GIRL...

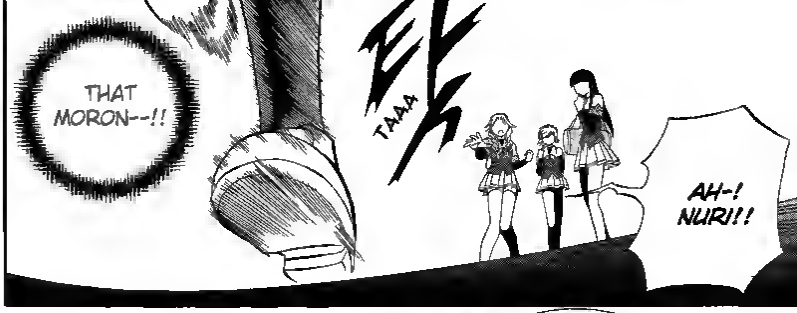
WELL, IT'S FORTUNATE FOR US, ANYWAYS. SINCE YOUR LIFE IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE GAME'S BACKGROUND...
Muscle complex

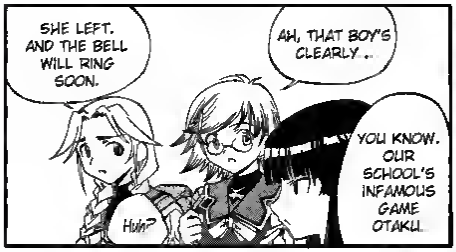
NEVER MIND ABOUT ME,
BUT I NEVER KNEW THAT YOU'RE ATTENDING MY SCHOOL.
AND FURTHER-MORE...
SIGN 1: HANBIT HIGH SCHOOL

TO FIND THAT YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THE SCHOOL UNIFORM TO LOOK LIKE THE GAME'S...
HECK NO!
HIEHIE! SUSPICIOUS!
AND I'M NEVER YOU...
FIRST CLASS TEAM M...
I...I NEVER IT'S TRUE! I'VE BEEN IN THAT GAME...
AND AFTER LOOK AT ME!

IT'S SO THAT THE GAME WILL PROGRESS SMOOTHLY.
COST A LOT, YOU KNOW. IT'S TO TRY TO MAKE THE PLACE AS FAMILIAR TO MINSIA AS POSSIBLE...
BESIDES, THIS UNIFORM IS A LOT CUTER THAN THAT LAME ORIGINAL, SO IT'S ALRIGHT.
Cheh. THIS IS EXACTLY LIKE A GROUP COSPLAY.
파직
OH DEAR!
AREN'T YOU... NURI?
~~~!!
ARE YOU COMING BACK TO SCHOOL NOW?
NICE TO SEE YOU, GIRL~
Ah, YOU GUYS...
TOO CRUEL~ YOU NEVER CONTACTED US!
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW WORRIED WE WERE SINCE YOU STOPPED COMING TO SCHOOL SUDDENLY~?
OH MY, AND ALSO~~
~~~

WELL, YOU KNOW...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR THAT YOU'VE BEEN SO PROUD OF BEFORE? CUT IT ALL OFF LIKE THAT...
A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED.
Hey!
POKE
IT'S ALRIGHT.
Ah...SORRY! I...FORGOT ABOUT IT...
BUT NURI,
THE BOY YOU'RE WITH...
WAS BEING DRAGGED SOMEWHERE BY THE JUDO TEAM.
!!
ZOOOM
AKH
OW


THAT MORON--!!
TAAA
AH-! NURI!!


SHE LEFT. AND THE BELL WILL RING SOON.
AH, THAT BOY'S CLEARLY..
YOU KNOW. OUR SCHOOL'S INFAMOUS GAME OTAKU.
Huh?

WHY IS HE WITH NURI?

ACK!!
SMACK!

HYUN MIN WOO...
I WARNED YOU SO MANY TIMES...

BUT I HEARD THAT YOU TOOK THE JUDO TEAM'S PRECIOUS RESOURCE, IN HYUK...
TO ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR WEIRD WHAT-CHAMACALLIT, HOSSPLAY AGAIN?!

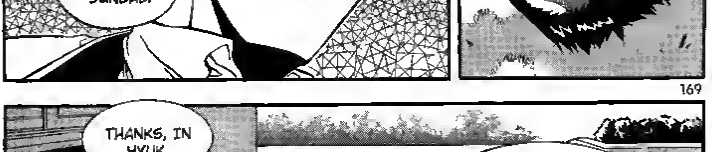
IT'S COSPLAY, NOT HOSSPLAY..
WHO CARES ABOUT WHAT IT'S CALLED!
SINCE YOU'VE POLLUTED IN HYUK WITH YOUR STRANGE O■SESSIONS---!
HANBIT HIGH JUDO TEAM 3RD YEAR SONG YOUNG GAE
YOU HAVE BROUGHT RUIN TO OUR TEAM'S VACATION MOUNTAIN RETREAT TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL TITLE!!
SO WHAT NOW? YOU'RE GOING TO GET THE GOLD MEDAL FOR US INSTEAD OF IN HYUK?! Huh?!
DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?
STAND BY, FIRST...
Jeez I hate dealing with guys like that...
Ara? THAT'S STRANGE.

I DON'T REMEMBER EVER JOINING ANY SPORT TEAM..
!!
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU, BAE IN HYUK...
TODAY WILL BE THE DAY...
WHEN I FINALLY GET YOU TO SIGN UP!
BECOME ONE OF MY ATHLETES-!!
UPPER ATTACK IS A FEINT!
HIS REAL ATTACK IS COMING FROM BELOW!
WHAT?!

AAACK!! CAPTAIN—!!
KERRRASH
PING
ARE FIGHTING GAME CHAMPIONS SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD AT IT?
YOU KNOW... EVEN THOUGH YOU SUCK IN A REAL FIGHT, YOUR OBSERVATION SKILLS ARE AWESOME

I WASN'T POLLUTED BY THIS GUY, BUT I JOINED WILLINGLY.
SONG YOUNG GAE SUNBAE.. TO CORRECT YOU ON ONE POINT,

MIN WOO ONLY HELPED ME FIND A NEW PURPOSE IN MY AIMLESS LIFE.
PLEASE TRY NOT TO LET SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPEN AGAIN, SUNBAE.

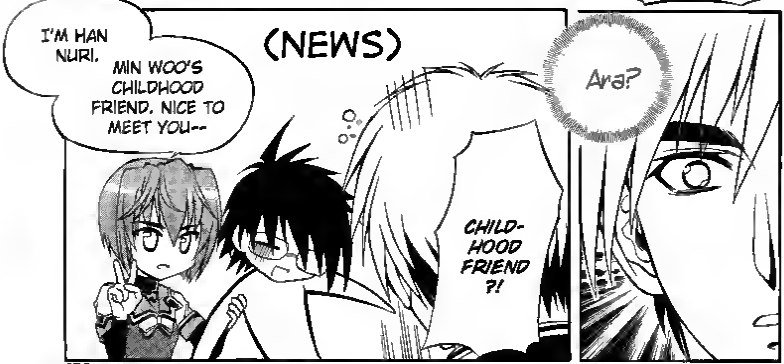

THANKS, IN HYUK.
YOU DUMB ASS. IF YOU STUCK WITH ME LIKE YOU NORMALLY DO, THIS KINDA THING WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

THERE'S SOME EXCELLENT NEWS. I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU SO I COULD TELL YOU FIRST.
EXCELLENT... NEWS?

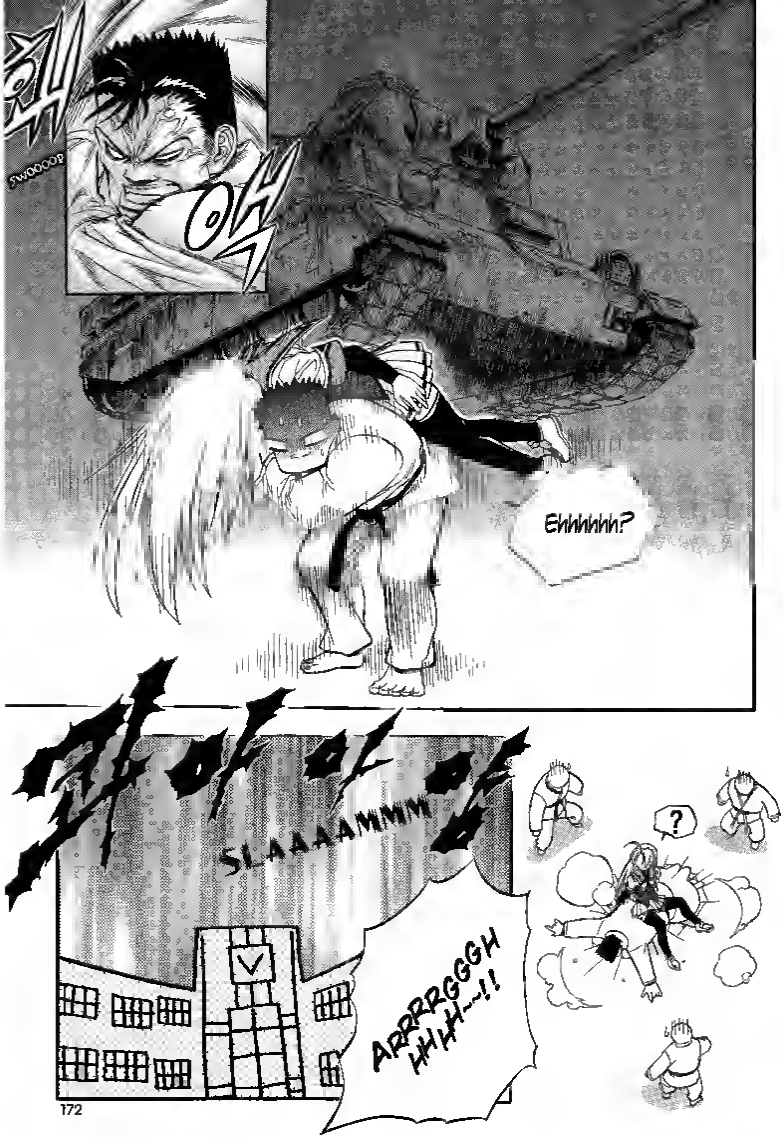
YOUR MOUTH'S GONNA GAPE WIDE OPEN AFTER YOU HEAR THIS
TODAY, IN OUR CLASS..

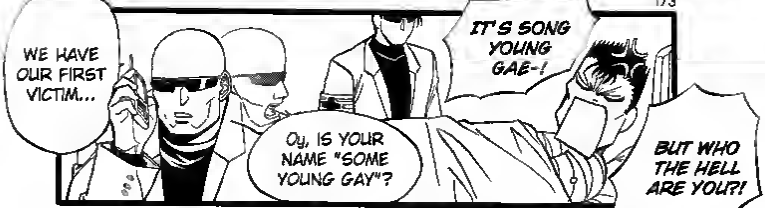
Yo, ARE YOU OK? DID YOU GET HURT ANYWHERE?
휘릭
WIPE
휘릭
WIPE
GAPE-
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE DISTRACTED, STANDING THERE LIKE A MORON.

WHO WAS THE ONE DISTRACTED?
..What WHAT WHAT...!
WHAT THE HELL?! MIN WOO? THAT GIRL...?!


I'M HAN NURI. MIN WOO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND. NICE TO MEET YOU--
(NEWS)
CHILD-HOOD FRIEND ?!
Ara?

ISN'T THIS GIRL...
THE ONE WHO DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY EARLY LAST YEAR?!
TRANSFER STUDENT? AH, GO TO THE FACULTY OFFICE FIRST
THEY SHOULD BE WAITING FOR YOU THERE
Yes...
Hr.. CAPTAIN, WHY DON'T YOU JUST FORGET ABOUT HIM...?
SHUT UP! DON'T TALK TO ME!
IF ANYONE BOTHERS ME NOW, I'LL THROW HIS ASS TO THE GROUND!
171
Hr..
TWITCH
WHERE'S THE FACULTY OFFICE?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO BOTHER—!!
GLARE


SWOOOOP
OH
EHHHHHH?
SLAAAAMMM
ARRRGGH HHH--!!
?



This book collects chapters From Issues 12~17 of Biweekly comics magazine (CHANCE).

CONTINUED IN VOLUME 2!!